

# THE LEGAL BRIEF

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## President's Message

By: John Skinder

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2013 -- A great time to get even more involved!

Another year has come and gone. We even survived the end of the Mayan calendar. We are all a year older and hopefully wiser. Your Board of Directors are excited about the future of the Thurston County Bar Association (TCBA). We have noticed an increase in participation by Bar members in all of the TCBA events. We have also seen an increase in membership especially among our "younger" attorneys. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in need for local community organizations. Fortunately, we have seen a huge interest among Bar members to "step-up" and help these organizations by volunteering and fund-raising. I am hopeful these trends continue and 2013 is filled with more opportunities for us to do even more to benefit our community.

I encourage everyone to renew their membership for 2013; a renewal form is included as the last page of this newsletter. I would also ask you to spread the word about the Thurston County Bar Association to prospective members; talk to your friends and associates and encourage them to join. Local bar organizations excel when they have representation from the entire range of attorneys in the community. Part of our efforts this year will be to have more social events where we can socialize outside of the work environment (which should further improve collegiality in the work environment). Also, we will continue to have local, high-quality, affordable CLEs.

Another great way to get involved is to assist the District Court and the Superior Court with problem-solving their moves to a "paper-less" court. On November 29, 2012, at the Bench-Bar Lunch, the Judges explained how the move to the Accountability and Restitution Center (ARC) will necessitate the courts handling more criminal hearings by video and the use of electronic equipment (as inmate runners will not be able to deliver paperwork to the court and to the jail any longer once the ARC opens in mid-2013). Once these changes are perfected in the criminal justice system, these same technologies will likely be used in the civil system as applicable. Judge Wickham requested assistance from all of the attorneys to help "brain-storm" solutions to some of the difficulties with these changes. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marti Maxwell, the Superior Court Administrator, at (360) 786-5560 and her counterpart Theresa Ewing, the District Court Administrator, at (360) 786-5450.

2013 will bring many challenges and opportunities to improve various aspects of the legal profession; I look forward to working with you to improve the TCBA and our community. Happy New Year!

**2013 MEMBER RENEWAL ...**  
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## **A VIEW FROM THE BENCH**

by Anne Hirsch



In deciding on an appropriate and interesting for this article the term CHANGE immediately came to mind. So sitting at home on a cold and quiet afternoon away from court, I checked Webster.com for some guidance and this is some of what I found. First, CHANGE can be a noun or a verb, and the transitive verb is defined as “to make different in some particular;” “to make radically different;” “to replace with another;” or “to give a different position, course, or direction to.”

Some synonyms listed related to the term CHANGE include:

Alter, make over, modify, revamp, , metamorphosis, transformation, , adjustment, modulation, tweak, redesign, redo.

I leave it to the reader to choose an appropriate term, but I will go out on a limb and say that it is an understatement that the Thurston County Superior Court bench has undergone a tremendous amount of change in the past several years, and the years ahead promise to be full of additional change. In 2012 alone our court observed the retirements of three respected and long-serving judges: Judge Christine Pomeroy, Judge Paula Casey and Judge Tom McPhee. With those retirements our court continued to lose, among other things, a significant amount institutional history (coming on the heels of the other recent retirements of Judges Strophy and Hicks).

While not ignoring the losses created by these retirements, we have three highly capable, talented, smart, energetic and hard-working new judges joining our bench. Judge Jim Dixon joined the bench earlier this year, bringing with him many years of criminal defense work (among other things) and community involvement on various civic projects. In early January two others will formally join our bench: Erik Price, who brings with him deep connections in the community, 20 years of legal work primarily in civil matters, and, like Judge Dixon, many ties to civic organizations in the community including the TCBA. Chris Schaller brings with her, in addition to her years of respected work as a Family and Juvenile Court Commissioner, years of general practice primarily in the areas of criminal and family law; like each of the judges with whom she will serve, she also brings a long term connection to and concern for our community. I speak for all of my colleagues in welcoming our newest Judges to the bench. By the time Judges Schaller and Price are sworn in, we will have a fairly transformed bench.

Early in 2013 a new Family and Juvenile Court Commissioner will also join our court. As many of you may already know, over forty people applied for this important position. The Board of Judges was impressed with the high quality of applicants and we are excited about bringing on a new Commissioner to preside over some of the very critical work done at Family and Juvenile Court. A Court does not often have the opportunity to hire a Commissioner and we are mindful of the change any new judicial officer will undoubtedly bring. We view the hiring of a new Commissioner as an opportunity to continue to improve our service to the public in an area that encompasses a significant portion of the court’s work, and often the only point of contact with the justice system for much of the public. Our Unified Family and Juvenile Court has an excellent reputation statewide as a court committed to using best practices and that will remain our commitment.

Yet another change our court is instituting is a streamlining of the ex parte procedures and a reduction of office hours at both Main Campus and FJC, which is something we have delayed considering for a long time. While our court is committed to serving the public well and to being available and accessible, we simply cannot continue to ignore the daily and cumulative cost, to staff and to the bench, of continuing to function at a 100% level with well less than 100% staffing. What that means is that, among other things, attorneys and their staff will notice some changes in availability of court staff during the work day. It is our hope that neither of these changes will significantly or negatively impact attorneys or the public, and will at the same time provide staff with additional uninterrupted work time to accomplish their core duties for the court and the public.

Change in the way many of us do our work will also occur with the anticipated opening of the ARC later this summer. For many, many months, our Court has been working, along with our justice system partners, to create and streamline processes for court appearances, filing of documents and many related matters. We are installing a new video appearance system and are reviewing how to bring our courtrooms into the “modern age” with use of appropriate technology. Our court has also participated in a state wide work group to institute a case management system –as I write this article it is unclear what may result from the hard work many contributed (in addition to their regular duties) to that project. What is more clear is that each of these anticipated court process changes can and will only happen because of the hard work and dedication of many people, both within the court and elsewhere.

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As we as a bench continue to assess and, as needed, change processes, we will continue to work with our many stakeholders to minimize inconvenience and disruptions to your work. However our court, like most, has lost staff and resources over the years beginning in 2008. For a time we have been able to hobble along, adding more to each of our plates and still meeting our benchmarks, self-imposed and otherwise. We now know that it can no longer be “business as usual”.

Our bench, those just beginning and those who have been here for longer amounts of time, is committed to being well trained, efficient, and accessible to do the important work for the public we were elected to perform. We also remain open to hearing, and addressing, your comments and concerns. As we begin this New Year, let us each commit to being part of the solution, to working hard to improve our justice system and our community, and to being open to change.

Before I conclude these somewhat rambling comments I want to offer my thanks and appreciation, for my colleagues on the bench, for the court staff who work so hard to allow the court to perform its important work for the public, and to the attorneys, private and public, who serve the public. The times ahead of us will be challenging in many ways, but will present many opportunities for each of us to contribute to the court moving ahead to a future none of us clearly yet understand. There are many ways for you to participate and I encourage each of you to find a way to do so. **Please** contribute so we can continue to provide the best service possible to the public.

Finally, some thoughts to ponder:

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” John F. Kennedy

“Any change, even for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.” Arnold Bennett

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it’s not.” Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*

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Q—What’s the problem with  
lawyer jokes?

A—Lawyers don’t think they  
are funny and no one else  
thinks they are jokes.



## YOUNG LAWYER SPOTLIGHT

By: Megan Card, YL Chair

### **Megan D. Card WSBA No. 42904**

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I was born and raised in Olympia and attended Black Hills High School (GO WOLVES!). I received my bachelor of arts in history at Eastern Washington University and graduated from Gonzaga Law School with honors in 2010. I previously worked for my firm, Rodgers Kee & Pearson, P.S., as a legal intern during the summer of 2008. Prior to being hired as an associate, I served as an extern for Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court. I am currently the TCBA Young Lawyer Chair and the Greater Olympia District Trustee for the WSBA Washington Young Lawyer Committee.



- ☎ **Areas you practice** Estate planning, family law, and general civil litigation.
- ☎ **I became a lawyer because** I worked for a law firm as a runner while in undergrad and was fascinated by the cases and would read whatever pleadings I could get my hands on. I decided law school would be a good fit for me.
- ☎ **The hardest part of being a young lawyer is** Learning the tricks of the trade and what makes Judges tick.
- ☎ **This is the best advice I have been given:** “Just breathe.” Simple as that.
- ☎ **Trait I admire in other attorneys:** Honesty, integrity, and diligence.
- ☎ **Someone whose opinion matters to me:** my father, Cecil.
- ☎ **I am most happy when** I’m listening to music. The Ray LaMontagne Pandora station is my favorite.
- ☎ **I am most proud of this:** Being the first person in my entire extended family to attend college and law school. I hope to set a new precedent.
- ☎ **My favorite vacation place:** Hawaii – I’m leaving for Kauai in a few days!
- ☎ **Best stress reliever:** Running and working out. It’s the only thing that separates my work life from my personal life at the end of the day.
- ☎ **What keeps me awake at night:** My dog Koda snoring...he’s a 150+ lb. Mastiff/Great Dane.
- ☎ **I can’t live without** my family, my friends, my dog Koda, and mascara.
- ☎ **Nobody would ever suspect that I:** Love working on classic cars and going to car shows. My very first car was a 1966 Mustang Fastback that my dad and I completely restored (and yes, I still own her).
- ☎ **During my free time I:** RUN! I started a running club called Pints’ Pavement Pounders. We run 3 miles every Thursday night and finish with a cold brew at Pints’ Barn in Tumwater. Our last official run of the season had 107 runners and we raised over \$1,200 for the animal shelter. I also competed in Tough Mudder, Dirty Dash, and the Spokane Half-Marathon this year.

## OFFICE UPDATE FROM THURSTON COUNTY CLERK Family Law Confirmations

As reported to you in 2011, we examined our confirmation process and how we might make the process more effective and efficient for us and for you and your staff. We know that your staff struggled with some of the processes that resulted in the combined effort to manage confirmations, including the time and effort that went into sorting, researching, and correcting the information received. As a result of our process improvement efforts, we were able to create a process that has proven to be extremely effective and, more importantly, less labor-intensive. We first began the new and improved process at our main campus, managing civil confirmations. After working out a couple of issues, the new confirmation process proved to be easy to navigate and provided a huge relief for the amount of time dedicated to this process. We hope you and your staff have also noticed the difference.

Recently, we changed the confirmation process for Family and Juvenile Court. The process is similar to the one used at the Main Courthouse. There are a few details that you should be aware of with this new process.

- (1) You will no longer be able to submit confirmations, strikes, or continuances after the deadline. The new online process will reject additional information after the deadline with an automated “pop up” with instructions on how to proceed.
- (2) If you already confirmed your case, and subsequently need to strike or continue the matter, you can email [famlaw@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:famlaw@co.thurston.wa.us) to submit your request. Requests for strikes and continuances for cases that were NOT timely confirmed will not be processed.
- (3) If you did not timely confirm your case and you want to continue the hearing, a new Notice of Issue will need to be filed.

The new process has been very effective and we thank you in advance for understanding our need to make these much-needed changes. It is our hope that it also provides your staff with a time saving solution and a more accurate history of the steps in each case.

As always, we welcome suggestions for topics that you would like me to address in an upcoming issue.

THURSTON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

*Yvonne L. Pettus*

YVONNE L. PETTUS  
Chief Deputy Clerk

## **WANTED: NEW WSBA GOVERNOR!**

By **BRIAN J. KELLY** – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Governor

The filing for the new WSBA Governor representing all of Thurston County and portions of Mason and Pierce Counties is now open. This is a result of the 2010 Census, which added an additional State of Washington Congressional District.

By state statute, the Board of Governors must include at least one member from each Congressional District, not to exceed a total of 15. The Board was at the maximum of 15 members when the new 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District was established – three governors from District 7 (greater Seattle, which had 11,000 plus lawyers), one governor from each of the other eight districts, three at-large governors (one representative from the then Washington Young Lawyers Division and two representatives from historically under-represented groups) and the president. To incorporate representation for the newly created District, the Board decided that at-large positions would remain the same, but the number of District 7 representatives would be reduced from three to two, shifting the third position to the new District 10. Since the District 7 – Central seat was up for election in 2013, the Board decided that this election should be used instead to fill the new District 10 seat.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District has a southern boundary of Highway 12 (the Rochester exit, Exit #88 on I-5), runs north into Mason County to include Shelton, extends further north to Fife, but excludes Tacoma. U.S. Representative Denny Heck was recently elected to represent the newly created 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

When I became the District 3 Governor in October, 2011, the District stretched from Olympia south to Vancouver, and from the ocean to the mountains (excluding Grays Harbor County). By redistricting, District 3 lost over 1,050 lawyers, most of whom are in the Olympia/Tumwater area. The new Governor for District 10 will represent approximately 2,400 WSBA members.

Lacey was formerly in District 9, but is now in the newly created District 10. It is likely that the majority of members represented by the new District 10 Governor will be from Thurston County.

There is a high degree of camaraderie among Governors. Opinions among Governors sometimes differ, but mutual respect always prevails. Those at the top of our profession often address the Board, providing unique insight into complex issues.

Governors are expected to communicate with members about Board actions and issues, convey member viewpoints to the Board, and act as liaison to various assigned committees and organizations, and be knowledgeable about policy matters to be addressed at BOG meetings. These matters relate to both the WSBA as a regulatory agency (admission, bar exam, licensing and discipline) and professional association (CLE and member service activities).

The experience is rewarding. It is my honor to serve as Governor. The new 10<sup>th</sup> District Governor will take office for a three-year term at the close of the last Board Meeting of the fiscal year, scheduled for September 20-21, 2013.

The next Board of Governors meeting is on January 17, 2013, at the Red Lion, Olympia, Washington, commencing at 10:00 a.m. The meeting should last until 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. and members, especially potential candidates, are encouraged to attend.

To qualify as a candidate for the Board of Governors, the nominee must be an active WSBA member, not previously elected to the Board of Governors and entitled to vote in District 10. Generally, a member is entitled to vote in the Congressional District in which he or she resides.

A candidate must be nominated by a voting WSBA member, and file a statement of interest and biographical statement of 100 words or less. The WSBA Executive Director must receive these documents by 5 p.m. PST on March 1, 2013.

The nomination form, further information, and link to the Washington State Redistricting Commission website (to find out your voting district), are all available on the Bar website under About-WSBA/Governance/Board of Governors/Election. For more information, email [pami@wsba.org](mailto:pami@wsba.org) or call 206-727-8226.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, concerns or inquiries.

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Interested parties are encouraged to attend a pre-proposal meeting to discuss the scope of work and the selection process. The pre-proposal conference is scheduled for January 8, 2013 at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Intercity Transit's Administration Facility at 526 Pattison SE, Olympia, Washington, 98501.

All solicitation documents including, plans, addenda, and plan holders list for this project are available on-line through Builders Exchange of Washington, Inc. at [www.bxwa.com](http://www.bxwa.com) under "Goods and Services." Contact Builders Exchange of Washington at (425) 258-1303 should you require further assistance.

Intercity Transit maintains a strong commitment to maximum utilization of minority, women, disadvantaged business, and small business whether DBEs or non-DBEs. All such businesses are encouraged to participate in this opportunity. Intercity Transit is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Qualifications and Proposals will be accepted by Intercity Transit until January 25, 2013 at 3:00 pm.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Hemmann, Procurement and Capital Projects Manager at (360) 705-5833 or [mhemmann@intercitytransit.com](mailto:mhemmann@intercitytransit.com).

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Dear TCBA Members:

On behalf of the Thurston County Bar Association Board of Directors, I would like to thank the bar membership for their continued support of the Salvation Army Adopt a Family Program. In 2012 the TCBA sponsored twenty four (24) families (eighty nine individuals) and provided the families with wrapped gifts that helped them have a happy holiday season. We also raised almost \$2400 at the holiday luncheon that was given to our families in the form of individual Safeway gift cards. *Thank you all* once again for your generosity and kindness during this holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Lenny Lucenko, Chair Adopt-A Family Program



## **Volunteers Needed**

In February 2013 the State 4H "Know Your Government" Team will host a Conference with almost 300 teenagers that will be focusing on learning about the Judiciary. As part of the conference the kids will participate in "mock trials" at the Thurston County Courthouse.

Marianne Walters is in search of attorneys who might be willing to donate a half day to work with these kids preparing them for "trial" as prosecutors and defense attorneys. The kids will have been given four high profile criminal case scenarios to develop questioning, witness technique and arguments. Having attorneys training them is a wonderful treat for these motivated teenagers. And it is great watching these kids learn about the judicial system.

The dates range from Sunday, February 17—Monday, February 18, 2013.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Marianne Walters at [walters@olympus.net](mailto:walters@olympus.net) or (360) 385-5264



Members of the Thurston County Bar Association,

Thank you for your generous gift of my photo portrait that will be displayed at the courthouse. I very much appreciate the gift and the thought behind it. I am also very pleased that the donations for the gift exceeded its cost and that the excess will be donated to a charity. The excess amount, \$855, is substantial. I was very pleased to be asked to recommend an appropriate recipient, and I suggested Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services, an organization closely associated with TCBA and which the bar association and the courts have a long history of supporting. I understand that the TCBA board agreed and has approved that donation. Wonderful.

Thomas McPhee



## **TCBA Updates**

### **CLE Planning Session**

Friday, January 25, 2013. 12:00-1:15pm at the downtown Casa Mia on Plum St. Bring your ideas and speaker recommendations for the 2013 St. Marin's line up.

If you plan on attending please RSVP to [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com)

### **Swearing In Ceremony for newly elected Superior Court Judges**

Christine Schaller's will be Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 3:30pm

-and-

Erik Price's will be Friday, January 18, 2013 at 3:30pm

### **WSBA Board Of Governors Luncheon**

The annual BOG luncheon will be held at the Red Lion Hotel on Thursday, January 17, 2013. If you plan on attending please RSVP to Pamela Weust at [pamelaw@wsba.org](mailto:pamelaw@wsba.org) or (206) 239-2125. The "Local Hero" award will be presented at this lunch.

### **CLE Opportunity**

"Pinnacles of Practice in Times of Change" Presented by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) will be held at the WA Athletic Club, Seattle WA on Saturday, April 6, 2013. For more information visit [www.wa-afcc.net](http://www.wa-afcc.net)

### **Monthly Luncheon at Ramblin Jacks**

Ramblin Jacks lunches will return on Friday, February 15, 2013. Stay tuned for topic and speaker.

### **March Issue of the Legal Brief**

There will be a deadline of Thursday, February 28, 2013 for submission of articles and advertisements to Angela Skinder at [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com).

Please refer to the "Calendar" section of our website for a full list of upcoming events:  
**[www.thurstoncountybar.com](http://www.thurstoncountybar.com)**

## **Section/Committee Announcements...**

### **CLE Committee**

The TCBA CLE Committee brings lower cost, local CLE opportunities to our bar. We always welcome ideas and suggestions for additional CLE's from our membership.

There will be a committee meeting on **January 25, 2013** at Casa Mia from 12:00-1:15pm to set dates and topics for 2013 CLE's. Please email [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

### **Young Lawyer Section**

The Young Lawyer Section holds regular Monthly Meetings the second Wednesday of every month,

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Megan Card at 352-8311 –  
or-  
[meganc@buddbaylaw.com](mailto:meganc@buddbaylaw.com)

Please visit the new webpage at  
<http://thurstoncountybar.com/sections/young-lawyer-section/>

### **Family Law Section**

The Family Law Section meets at 12:10 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Family and Juvenile Justice Center.

If you have not received an agenda and would like to be added to the mailing list, please call William B. Pope & Associates at (360) 866-4000

Please visit the new webpage at  
<http://thurstoncountybar.com/sections/family-law-section/>

### **Land Use Section**

The Land Use Committee is co-chaired by Carmen Rowe and Jessica Jensen.  
Look for a Land Use CLE coming in Spring....

# THURSTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

## WHAT'S HAPPENING...

BY REA HAGAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*One of the secrets of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks."*

*Jack Penn*

Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services (TCVLS) provides free legal advice, information, and direct representation to low-income people in Thurston and Mason Counties in civil matters only. Clients for the clinics are screened for financial eligibility and type of legal issue.

### **RECEPTION FOR NEW THURSTON COUNTY ADMITTEES TO THE WSBA**

On November 28, the Government Lawyers Bar Association, Thurston County Bar Association, Washington Women Lawyers Capitol Chapter and TCVLS sponsored a welcome reception for the 2012 new admittees to the Washington State Bar Association. A cheerful crowd enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks while meeting peers and members of the Thurston County Bar, the judiciary and Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services.

We attracted several new volunteers for our clinics. This event will become recurring event of celebration.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On December 18, we held our Holiday Luncheon at Mercato. Jennifer Meyer is ending her Board post this year.

She works for Office of the Attorney General Torts Division. She represented Washington Women Lawyers (WWL) and

has been a board member since 2008. She served as President from 2011 to 2012. Jennifer was a 2012 Thurston County Bar Association Local Hero. Thank you Jennifer for your service and support of TCVLS.

Jennifer Smith will be joining the Board for 2013 representing Washington Women Lawyers. She is a Graduate of Whittier College of Law and is employed by Cordes Brandt. Welcome to the Board Jennifer.

Elections for 2013 officers were held with Julie Corigan as President, Laura Watson, Vice-President, Ethan Sattleberg, Treasurer and Grace O'Connor as Secretary.

### **DIRECTOR NEWS**

I am delighted to have been selected as part of the first ever cohort of the Washington State Equal Justice Community Leadership Academy.

I will be joining a diverse group of 27 others people committed to equal access to justice.

The Academy's trainers will be from the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. The training will be customized to Washington, including the inclusion of community-based organizations and non-attorneys.

The Academy will take place from January 1, 2013 through November 1, 2013 and consists of 4 in-person retreats and web-based activities between in-person retreats.

I look forward to representing TCVLS promoting the mission of legal aid and applying skills gained through the Academy to better serve our client community.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

One of the benefits of volunteering for TCVLS is the opportunity to attend free monthly lunchtime CLEs held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room at 711 Capitol Way South. The CLEs are from Noon to 1 PM.

January 8 –Boundary Disputes 101  
Presented by Jay Goldstein Law Firm

March 7 – Ethics (TBA)  
Presented by Michael Young and Chris Lanese

Please contact us at 360-705-8194 to enroll.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE**

### **TCVLS Annual Breakfast**

The breakfast will be held at  
Indian Summer  
Golf & Country Club  
on  
Thursday, May 9, 2013

More information to come soon

### **READY TO HELP?**

We would love to have you as a volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering your skills please contact Christine Lund, Program Coordinator at 360-705-8194  
[Christine@tcvls.comcastbiz.net](mailto:Christine@tcvls.comcastbiz.net)

## Thurston County Bar Association 2013 Membership Registration

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FIRM NAME\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS\*\* \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

OFFICE PHONE\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF ADMISSION\* \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be completed to qualify for dues discount)

EMAIL\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MARK 3 AREAS OF PRACTICE:**

- ☐ Administrative
- ☐ Adoption
- ☐ ADR/Mediation
- ☐ Appellate Practice
- ☐ Bankruptcy
- ☐ Business/Commercial Trans.
- ☐ Civil Litigation
- ☐ Civil Rights
- ☐ Collections
- ☐ Construction Law
- ☐ Criminal Law
- ☐ Dependency
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Elder/Long Term Care
- ☐ Employment/Labor
- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Family Law
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Guardianship
- ☐ Health Care
- ☐ Immigration
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Intellectual Property
- ☐ Juvenile
- ☐ Land Use/Real Estate
- ☐ Landlord/Tenant
- ☐ Municipal
- ☐ Native American
- ☐ Partnerships
- ☐ Personal Injury Defense
- ☐ Personal Injury Plaintiff
- ☐ Professional Malpractice
- ☐ Real Property
- ☐ Securities
- ☐ Social Security
- ☐ Tax
- ☐ Wills/Estates/Probate
- ☐ Workers' Comp

**SECTIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Please indicate which section(s) and committee(s) in which you have interest. Our new database has better ability to track these choices and we will be using these categories to send specific section information to you and to seek volunteer participation in the future.

**SECTIONS**

- ☐ Criminal Law Section
- ☐ Family Law Section
- ☐ Land Use Section
- ☐ Solo Practitioners Section
- ☐ Young Lawyers Section

**COMMITTEES**

- ☐ Bench/Bar
- ☐ CLE

☐ **TCBA does NOT have permission to share the information marked with an \*\*** (You must mark here if you do NOT want to be listed on the TCBA website)

☐ **I would be willing to be listed on the TCBA website as being available for *Pro Bono* representation.**

☐ **I would like to be added to TCBA's e-mail list** (to receive reminders of upcoming events, committee & section information & announcements)

☐ **I would like a link from the TCBA website to my own personal website (additional \$25/year per person):**

Website address to link: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

2013 Annual dues (Jan-Dec)	\$50	_____
*Young Lawyer Annual dues	\$25	_____
Website Link (per yr/per person)	\$25	_____

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return form and payment to:

TCBA  
PO Box 1653  
Olympia, WA 98507

Questions email: [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com)

Office use only:

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Date paid \_\_\_\_\_ List: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount pd \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The membership fee for lawyers admitted to any state bar association 5 years or less or who are 36 years old or younger, is \$25

\*\*This information may be shared if you mark the box above. Information may be shared with other attorneys and/or law firms, included on our website at [www.thurstoncountybar.com](http://www.thurstoncountybar.com) or shared with members of the public upon request.

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Olympia, WA 98507

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### Salvador Mungia

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- Listed in "Best lawyers" in America
- ABOTA
- Listed in "Super Lawyers"

### Stephanie Bloomfield

- Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Vice President/President-elect
- Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative
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