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President's Message

By: John Skinder

2013 Membership Drive

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In addition, we will be offering more opportunities to get involved in our community by events such as Law Day, TCVLS legal clinics, outreach, mentoring and of course socializing with our fellow attorneys. We are having the Annual Dinner on May 10 and we are planning another TCBA Family BBQ for September 7. A calendar of all of our events, a wonderful list of all of our members (who choose to be listed) and a great listing of legal resources can be found on our website at [thurstontownbar.com](http://thurstoncountybar.com). Please add our website to your favorites as it is a quick and easy guide to the local Bar.

Membership dues are \$50 for the year (January – December) and dues for "Young Lawyers" are \$25 for the year. Also, an individual link from the TCBA website to your own personal website is available at the low cost of \$25 for the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call! Thank you all again for your membership and involvement in the TCBA!

SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE TCBA ANNUAL DINNER:
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013

A VIEW FROM THE BENCH

by Indu Thomas, Superior Court Commissioner



Since 1961, May 1st has been celebrated as Law Day, a national day to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day programs are designed to help people understand how the law keeps us free and how the legal system strives to achieve justice. As you consider whether you are going to join in the Law Day festivities this year, I thought I would take a moment to discuss this year's theme. The American Bar association has chosen "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All" for 2013. The theme provides an opportunity for students to explore the civil rights movement in America and promote the ideal of equality under the law. This topic seemed to me to both thought provoking and timely as the year 2013 also marks the 150th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

This theme brings to mind the two individuals, civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the 16th president of our nation, President Abraham Lincoln. The stories of their lives and accomplishments have been an inspiration to me throughout my life. There are of course others, Mother Teresa, Eleanor Roosevelt and Indira Gandhi to name a few. This is however a column and not a novel so I shall focus on the first two and the thoughts that came to mind when I saw the theme for Law Day this year.

The movie "Lincoln" came out last year and has been recognized as one of the best movies of 2012. I dragged my son to the movie insisting that our lives would be incredibly different if it was not for this man and his courage. My 16 year old son told me with confidence, "Someone will always do the right thing. If it had not been President Lincoln someone else would have stepped up and taken on the battle." By the end of the movie my son too was wondering whether the 13th Amendment would have passed without the leadership and vision of President Abraham Lincoln.

The movie analyzes two of the most important events in the history of the United States — the passage of the 13th Amendment and the end of the Civil War. I have often wondered what would have happened next if he had not been cut down by an assassin's bullet at the age of 56. President Lincoln's ability to identify the steps that were possible at that time was the reason for the success of the Civil Rights Amendment. His charisma and his intelligence combined with his unique personal experience and struggles made him the right person for the task. Even now the last lines of the Gettysburg address echo in my brain "...and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." This was a battle cry for justice for all.

Rev Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated at the age of 39, 4 years younger than I am today. This Baptist minister became a civil rights activist at the age of 26. He served as the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at the age of 28. In 1963 when he gave his famous and often repeated "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, he was 34 years old. His efforts combating racial inequality led to honors such as a Nobel Peace Prize when he was merely 35 years old. He too was able to identify the necessary steps and move this nation forward.

In 1991, I wrote a thesis entitled "Justice for All." Today, I took a moment to consider whether I have lived up to the definitions and challenges I laid out in my own thesis. I can say with pride to that idealistic young 20 year old woman, I have lived up to our ideals. My path has not been exactly what we imagined then, however I have stayed focused on the goal of "justice for all." No regrets, no promises, only time will tell. In the words of the great philosopher and civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr. "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." Consider participating in a Law Day activity this year and ask yourself whether you have lived up to the ideals of your 20 year old self.

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-- Jerry Seinfeld



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Easy Ways to Stay on Top of Tax Season

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Once again, it's that time of the year. No, I'm not talking about Easter. And yes, Valentine's Day has passed. April 15 is approaching us all. It's tax season. By now, most of you have received W-2s, 1099s and other things that relate to tax. While the tax laws may seem to change all the time, here are some tips that can help you prepare for tax season that don't need to change all the time.

1. **Gather and Organize Your Receipts:** Those charitable contributions can add up. Your business expenses can add up, too. Develop a habit of putting your business receipts in a section of your wallet or purse until you get back to the office. Then, you can easily make notes about each expense and place the receipts in the appropriate file.
2. **Make a List of Your Income Sources:** Instead of waiting for all those W-2s, make a list of your income sources. You can then check off each source as you receive the appropriate form.
3. **Find a Tax Professional:** Everyone should seriously consider hiring a tax professional. While everyone might not need to hire someone to prepare his or her tax return, consider the complexity of the tax codes (state and federal). A tax professional will help you with organization and answer your tax questions.
4. **Keep Copies of Your Tax Returns:** The Internal Revenue Code requires every taxpayer to keep a copy of his or her tax return. Having a copy will also come in handy should you ever come under audit.
5. **Make a Contribution to an IRA:** We all know that saving for retirement is important, so don't procrastinate. Make those contributions. Not only will you be saving for your future, you just may be able to take a deduction.

YOUNG LAWYER SPOTLIGHT

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I am an associate attorney at Swanson Law Firm, PLLC, practicing primarily in Real Property, Construction, Landlord/Tenant, and Civil Litigation. I am also currently serving as Board President for the United Way of Thurston County. In my spare time, I enjoy tennis, biking, playing music, Seattle Seahawks' football, Gonzaga Bulldogs' Basketball, and of course long walks on the beach.



- ⌚ **Areas you practice** Real Property, Construction, Landlord/Tenant, Civil Litigation
- ⌚ **I became a lawyer because** Law is a discipline that interested me greatly. It provided an opportunity to serve the public while also making a decent living.
- ⌚ **The future of the practice of law is** Not going to be as different from the present-day practice of law as we might imagine. Interpersonal communication skills are key and they will remain so in the future.
- ⌚ **One of the greatest challenges in law today is** Keeping up with all the statutes, rules and case law that are not only constantly changing, but constantly being added to.
- ⌚ **The hardest part of being a young lawyer is** Getting and retaining good clients.
- ⌚ **If I were not practicing law,** I would be a surveyor or cartographer.
- ⌚ **This is the best advice I have been given:** 90% of success is showing up.
- ⌚ **I would give this advice to a first-year law student:** Networking with potential employers will do more to help you get a good job out of school than your grades.
- ⌚ **People living or from the past I would like to invite to a dinner party and why:** John Lennon, Mozart and Thomas Jefferson, because I love music, politics and America.
- ⌚ **I am most happy when** I am winning at some sort of competition.
- ⌚ **I am most proud of this:** My reliability.
- ⌚ **Best stress reliever:** Playing tennis.
- ⌚ **Currently playing on my iPod/CD player/record player:** Five Finger Death Punch, Jason Aldean and Gordon Lightfoot
- ⌚ **If I could live anywhere,** I would check out lots of other places, but I am sure I would end up back in the great State of Washington.
- ⌚ **This is the hardest part of my job:** Dealing with all the emotions and stress.
- ⌚ **This is the best part of my job:** When I help a client resolve a problem that they thought would never be resolved.

2013
THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
DANIEL BIGELOW AWARD
HONORING THE LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 TCBA Daniel Bigelow Award. Daniel Bigelow arrived in Thurston County in 1851 as a Harvard educated lawyer. He was instrumental in the creation of the Washington Territory in 1853 and he was a vocal advocate of equal rights, women's suffrage and public education. This award is named in Daniel Bigelow's honor and is given annually to recognize outstanding professional and community service.

The recipient of the award will be announced and honored at the annual meeting on May 10, 2013. A nomination may be made by any member of the TCBA. The nominating lawyer must be a current member of the TCBA. The Board of Trustees will select the recipient of the award after carefully considering all of the nominations.

Past recipients include: Jerry Buzzard, Ernest Meyer, Chris Meserve, Paul Battan, Ed Holm, Mary Gentry, Evelyn Foster, Ed Schaller, Steve Henderson, E. Robert Fristoe, Daniel Berschauer, Bruce Neas, Gerry Alexander, Charles Williams, Steve Bean, Frank J. Owens, Jim Connolly, Jim Dixon and Jon Tunheim.

I nominate _____ for the 2013 Daniel Bigelow Award.
This lawyer should be recognized with this award for the following reasons:

*Please provide as much information as possible in order to assist the Board in making an informed choice for this award. Nominations can be submitted via e-mail to tcba.info@gmail.com or mailed to the address below as an attachment to this form.

You are not limited to the blank lines below.

Name and telephone number of nominating attorney:

Nominations must be received by:

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2013

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A 92 Year-Old Solution for Real Estate Investors Facing Higher Taxes in 2013: 1031 Exchanges Offer Full Deferral of the New 3.8% Medicare Surtax Tax and 20% Capital Gain Tax

By Cris Anderson, Esq.

The familiar adage, “*It's not how much you make, but how much you keep*” rings truer than ever for Northwest real estate investors in 2013. Not only have capital gain taxes increased significantly for high earners, but many investors below the top tax bracket face an additional 3.8% surtax on passive investment income like capital gains. Fortunately, IRC Section 1031, a provision which has been in the tax code since 1921, provides critically needed tax relief.

Under the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, the top capital gain tax rate has been permanently increased to 20% (up from 15%) for single filers with incomes above \$400,000 and married couples filing jointly with incomes exceeding \$450,000. In addition, the new IRC Section 1411 3.8% Medicare surtax on net investment income, which includes capital gains, results in an overall rate for higher-income taxpayers of 23.8% -- a staggering 58% increase from 2012 tax rates!

Four Steps Involved in Determining Capital Gain Taxation

Absent the tax deferral benefits of a 1031 exchange, below is a summary of the four ways investors will be taxed on the sale of an investment property:

- 1) **Depreciation Recapture:** Taxpayers will be taxed at a rate of 25% on all depreciation recapture.
- 2) **Federal Capital Gain Taxes:** Investors owe Federal capital gain taxes on the remaining economic gain depending upon their taxable income. Since a new higher capital gain tax rate of 20% has been added to the tax code, investors exceeding the \$400,000 taxable income threshold for single filers and married couples filing jointly with over \$450,000 in taxable income will be subject to the new higher tax rate. The previous Federal capital gain tax rate of 15% remains for investors below these threshold income amounts.
- 3) **New Medicare Surtax Pursuant to IRC Section 1411:** The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 added a new 3.8% Medicare Surtax on “net investment income.” This 3.8% Medicare surtax applies to taxpayers with “net investment income” who exceed threshold income amounts of \$200,000 for single filers and \$250,000 for married couples filing jointly. Pursuant to IRC Section 1411, “net investment income” includes interest, dividends, capital gains, retirement income and income from partnerships (as well as other forms of “unearned income”).
- 4) **State Taxes:** Taxpayers must also take into account the applicable state tax, if any, to determine their total tax owed. Washington has no state taxes, while the other Northwest states do.

Snapshot of 2013 Federal Capital Gain Tax Rates

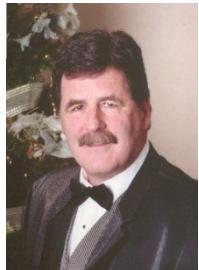
Single Taxpayer	Married Filing Jointly	Capital Gain Tax Rate	Section 1411 Medicare Surtax	Combined Tax Rate
\$0 - \$36,250	\$0 - \$72,500	0%	0%	0%
\$36,250 - \$200,000	\$72,500 - \$250,000	15%	0%	15%
\$200,000 - \$400,000	\$250,000 - \$450,000	15%	3.8%	18.8%
\$400,001+	\$450,001+	20%	3.8%	23.8%

* The 3.8% Medicare surtax only applies to “net investment income” as defined in IRC Section 1411.

1031 Exchanges Help Investors Defer the New 3.8% Medicare Surtax

Under recently proposed regulations, REG-130507-11, taxpayers have received proposed guidance from the IRS that notes: “*to the extent gain from a like-kind exchange is not recognized for income tax purposes under Section 1031, it is not recognized for purposes of determining net investment income under Section 1411.*” [§1.1411-5(C)(i)(2)(ii)]. Although these regulations are not yet finalized, taxpayers may rely on the proposed regulations to be in compliance with Section 1411 until the effective date of the final regulations.

Despite these new tax increases, one aspect of the tax code provides real estate investors with a huge tax advantage. Section 1031 allows property owners holding property for investment purposes to defer taxes that would otherwise be recognized upon the sale of investment property. Savvy investors use 1031 exchanges to redeploy their investment capital into better performing investment properties. An exchange provides a fantastic opportunity for investment property owners to defer all capital gain taxes that would otherwise be owed.



Cris Anderson is an attorney and Northwest Division Manager of Asset Preservation, Inc., a nationwide Qualified Intermediary and wholly owned subsidiary of Stewart Title. Asset Preservation, Inc. has facilitated more than 140,000 exchanges since 1991 and performs all types of exchanges. Mr. Anderson is located in Seattle/Olympia and can be reached at 877-909-1031 or emailed at cris@apiexchange.com. Additional 1031 exchange information is available at www.apiexchange.com.

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TCBA Updates

Volunteer Opportunity with the YMCA

Mock Trial State Competition event on March 22-24 is in need of Attorney volunteers. Please visit our website under "Classifieds" for a link to register.

Judicial Evaluations are in the mail

Please take a moment to complete the Judicial Evaluations that have arrived or will be arriving soon. These are done bi-annually and are a great chance for our members to rate the work of the Judiciary in Thurston County. The results will be published in mid-April. The due date for surveys being returned is Monday, April 1, 2013. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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

Monthly Luncheon at Ramblin Jacks

Friday, March 15, 2013 from 12-1pm at Ramblin Jacks will be a presentation by Anne Quinn "15 Key Elements of a Successful Law Practice. 1 General CLE credit is approved with the WSBA.

April Ramblin Jacks

There will NOT be a Ramblin Jacks CLE lunch in April... It is cancelled, however, there will be a 1/2 day CLE at St. Martin's University. Ramblin Jacks lunches will return in September.

1/2 Day-Low Cost CLE

When: Friday, April 19, 2013 from 1pm-4:30pm at St. Martin's University. Speakers will include Judges from the different courts. Topics to be determined.

May Issue of the Legal Brief

There will be a deadline of Wednesday, May 1, 2013 for submission of articles and advertisements to Angela Skinder at tcba.info@gmail.com.

Please refer to the "Calendar" section of our website for a full list of upcoming events:

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.

The next 1/2 day CLE will be Friday, April 19, 2013 at St. Martin's University Details to come...

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/>

Young Lawyer Section

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

Please contact Megan Card at 352-8311 —or meganc@buddbaylaw.com

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

THURSTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

BY REA HAGAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"It is the greatest of all misstates to do nothing because you can only do a little-do what you can."

Sydney Smith

SERVICE UPDATE

So far in 2013 we have given 137 clients 194.3 hours of clinic services. This has been possible through the generous gift of time by 35 attorneys and 13 administrators.

MASON COUNTY CLINICS RESUME

On February 5, we held first Shelton Clinic of 2013. After being "homeless" for 6 months, we have resumed our clinics at the Shelton United Methodist Church "Kids Clubhouse" facility at 1900 King Street, in Shelton.

We will be holding clinics on the first Tuesday of every month beginning at 6 PM. This is general civil law service. If you are interested in volunteering or mentoring please let us know at 360-705-8194.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY DAY

On February 11 Rea Hagan and Christine Lund participated in the Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day. The event was organized by the Washington Low Income

Housing Alliance and attended by more than 650 advocates representing 43 of 49 Legislative Districts.

The 2013 lead items for the Legislative Agenda were to encourage a \$175 million investment in the Housing Trust Fund to create safe, healthy, and affordable housing opportunities, Preserve the Housing and Essential Needs Program/Disability Lifeline to protect the state's most vulnerable people, and enacting Part 2 (HB 1529/SB 5568) of the Fair Tenant Screening Act to make tenant screening reports fair and accurate for all renters. We were able to meet with District 21 State Representative Sam Hunt. We told him our first hand stories of clients, who regardless of their case resolution, including a dismissal, were left with the "scarlet letter" of eviction on their records. We were able to put a face on our 153 Housing Justice Project clients. Representative Hunt sent us an email stating that our stories were favorable to supporting HB 1529.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

March 7 – "Current Ethical Issues in Attorney Client Privilege/Communications; From Tweets to Tokes" – Michael Lynch and Chris Lanese

April – (TBA)

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

TCVLS Annual Breakfast

Thursday, May 9, 2013

at

Indian Summer
Golf & Country Club

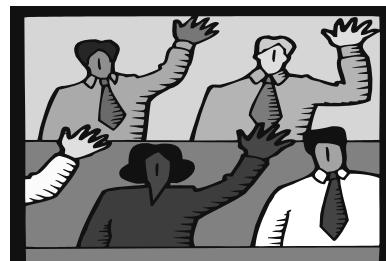
Keynote Speaker:

Robert Chang, Professor of Law Seattle University School of Law. He is Executive Director of the Korematsu Center. Mr. Chang writes primarily in the area of race and interethnic relations.

For more information please contact us at 360-705-8194

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- 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
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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: _____

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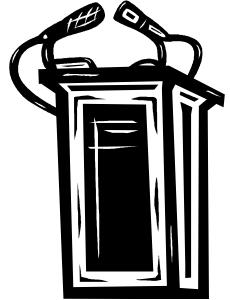
2013 Annual dues (Jan-Dec)	\$50	_____
*Young Lawyer Annual dues	\$25	_____
Website Link (per yr/per person)	\$25	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

*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

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2013 LAW DAY SPEECH SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST



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THE WEST OLYMPIA ROTARY

THIS YEAR'S SPEECH TOPIC WILL CENTER ON THE ISSUE OF "GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA" AND THE BEST LEGAL, SOCIAL AND/OR MORAL RESPONSE TO THIS ISSUE. AS PART OF YOUR SPEECH, YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THE BALANCE BETWEEN AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS VERSUS AN INDIVIDUAL'S SAFETY FROM GUN VIOLENCE. YOUR SPEECH COULD DISCUSS SOME OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

1. WHAT RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY, SHOULD BE PLACED ON FIREARM OWNERSHIP IN AMERICA?
2. THE LATEST INCIDENTS OF GUN VIOLENCE (SANDY HOOK, COLORADO THEATER SHOOTING; GABRIELLE GIFFORDS...ETC.): WHAT EFFECT SHOULD THESE INCIDENTS HAVE ON THIS ISSUE (IF ANY)?
3. SHOULD THERE BE RESTRICTIONS ON FIREARM USE SUCH AS A BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS, A BAN ON HIGH CAPACITY CLIPS/ROUNDS; OR SHOULD BACKGROUND CHECKS BE REQUIRED TO OWN A FIREARM (IF SO, WHAT FACTORS SHOULD DISQUALIFY AN INDIVIDUAL FROM OWNING A FIREARM)?

THE CONTESTANTS CAN USE CURRENT LAW OR DESIGN THEIR OWN LAWS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. WE ENCOURAGE APPLICANTS TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

YOU MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN THURSTON COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE. THE SPEECH SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 5-7 MINUTES LONG. THERE WILL BE A PRELIMINARY ROUND STARTING AT **4:30 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013**, AT THE THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE. THE TOP FOUR SPEECHES WILL ADVANCE TO A FINAL ROUND ON **TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013**, AT THE VIEWPOINT ROOM WEST BAY MARINA AT THE WEST OLYMPIA ROTARY LUNCH. A LAW DAY SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP SPEECHES. A TOTAL OF **\$1800.00** WILL BE SPLIT AMONG THE FINAL FOUR CONTESTANTS (**1st=\$600; 2nd=\$500; 3rd=\$400 & 4th=\$300**).

IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SPEECH CONTEST OR THE TOPIC, PLEASE CONTACT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION tcba.info@gmail.com or jefferl@co.thurston.wa.us.

