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## President's Message By: Terry Church

1,6 For baseball fans spring is a sign of hope.

2 Through the short days and endless rain we anxiously await the sights, sounds and smells that tell us winter is coming to an end.

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4 The good news for baseball fans is that we are now there. Daylight is lasting longer. In some places, most notably Arizona and Florida, the sounds of the crack of the bat striking the ball, and the "thwak" of the ball landing in the glove have returned. So have the delightful smells of freshly mowed grass, popcorn, and hotdogs stacked with the works.

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10 In spring, the playing field is level. Spring in Major League Baseball means all teams and their fans – even the Mariners – have hope as they dream of a chance to play in the World Series.

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As lawyers, we can also give people a sense of hope. Hope that they can get problems solved by accessing a legal justice system that should be available to serve all citizens. In our central role in the justice system we can make a difference in the lives of people who need legal assistance; we can help level the playing field.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services (TCVLS) will again give each of us a chance to help level the playing field for members of our community. The annual TCVLS fund-raising breakfast is being held at 7:00 a.m. May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Red Lion in Olympia.

In 2015, TCVLS saw about 1,500 clients at its legal clinics that include locations in Olympia, Shelton and Aberdeen. They have about 120 attorneys participating in the volunteer pool. TCVLS operates on a shoestring budget for the amount of services it provides – \$141,000 annually. The Legal Foundation of Washington provides partial funding, but much still must be done locally. The annual fund-raising breakfast provides the majority of local funding for the year.

As a group, the Thurston County Bar Association has made it central to our mission to provide annual support from our membership dues and seminar income to TCVLS. Over the past five years the TCBA has donated nearly \$20,000.

The annual breakfast also gives us a chance as individual law firms making up this legal community to support this essential cause. There's still space available at the breakfast and law firm sponsorship opportunities. You can contact Rachael Langen Lundmark, Executive Director of TCVLS for more information at 360-688-1376 or [director@tcvls.org](mailto:director@tcvls.org).

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## **A View From the Bench**

News From Family and Juvenile Court  
By Jonathon Lack  
Court Commissioner, Thurston County Superior Court



The Family and Juvenile Court has been through a number of significant changes since I started here in March of 2013. The transition to Odyssey has probably been the biggest change so far. I know there have been issues, but from my perspective as a Commissioner, Odyssey has been a huge success. Documents are easier to find, the time to prepare calendars is reduced, and I believe my dockets are being run more efficiently. I am confident that as the quirks get worked out and we make greater use of the options available in Odyssey, we will soon wonder how we ever survived without it.

While the change to Odyssey has been difficult to some, we have one more major adjustment ahead of us that I anticipate most attorneys are dreading even more than they feared Odyssey; Plain Language Forms.

Starting on May 1, 2016, the new plain language forms will be mandatory for use in all domestic relations cases. The forms are now available at [www.courts.wa.gov/forms/](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/). I encourage attorneys and paralegals to begin reviewing the forms and familiarizing yourselves with them. If anyone wants to begin using the forms now, I will accept them as it will help me to be ready for May 1<sup>st</sup> as well. The earlier we all get used to the new forms, the easier the transition will be for everyone.

After May 1<sup>st</sup>, failure to use the plain language forms will not be a basis to dismiss a case, refuse or filing, or strike a pleading. (See RCW 26.18.220(3)). However, the court has the discretion to require pleadings to be refiled on the proper forms. The early acceptance and use of the mandatory plain language forms will eliminate the possibility that the court will require you to refile a pleading.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we go through these changes. It is very much appreciated.

### **Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Section Meetings in 2016**

Our next Section meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23 at Ramblin' Jacks at 12:00 p.m. Our presenter will be Neil Wise, Senior Counsel at the Attorney General's Office, who represents the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Please see Neil's article on page 11 for more information about his presentation. One CLE credit is pending approval with WSBA. To RSVP for the meeting, please contact Heather Ligtenberg at [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com) by Monday, March 21.

The 2016 Section meeting calendar is still under development, but we are tentatively planning on presentations from Leslie Clark, an Associate at Phillips Burgess, on the challenges to Thurston County's interim process for the Mazama pocket gopher; and Joanne Eide, the State's Cannabis Policy Lead for the State Liquor and Cannabis Board, on the implementation of recreational marijuana. If you can't wait for the presentations, visit: <http://omb.org/interim-gopher-review-litigation/> and <http://liq.wa.gov/mj/marijuana-2016>. Depending on the development of legal issues, the timing and subject of our meetings may shift. As always, feel free to contact Martha Wehling, the Section Chair, with suggestions for topics of interest: [marthaw@atg.wa.gov](mailto:marthaw@atg.wa.gov) or 360-753-6287.

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## YOUNG LAWYER SPOTLIGHT

BY: MEGAN RUE, YL CHAIR

### **Paul J. Boudreaux, WSBA No. 49038**

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I grew up in Houston Texas. When I was fourteen I was forced to live with my Aunt and Uncle in Oklahoma. I graduated high school and college in Oklahoma before going to Law School in Kansas. I was a recipient of the National Parliamentary Debate Association All-American award. The national debate tournament my senior year was at Western Washington University, which is where I fell in love with this state. As soon as I graduated from Washburn University School of Law, I moved to Washington State and have really enjoyed this decision. I love being active. I love all Washington has to offer in the ways of outdoor activities.



**Paul and his nephew**

**Areas you practice:** Employment Law, Personal Injury, and General Civil Litigation.

**I became a lawyer because:** always wanted to be able to argue for a living. I have argued competitively since I was fifteen years old and could not imagine doing anything else.

**The future of the practice of law is:** in flux. The advent of the internet will continue to change our profession and the lives of all people in ways that likely have yet to be imagined.

**The hardest part of being a young lawyer is:** commanding respect from clients that are older than you. This requires understanding generational differences as well as demonstrating your commitment to excellence.

**If I were not practicing law:** I would likely have become an economist. I always loved studying law and economics.

**This is the best advice I have been given:** Be tenacious. Failure in life is a certainty. Learning from your failures is how you grow to be a better attorney and a better person.

**Trait I admire in other attorneys:** I always admire attorneys that want to resolve cases on the merits and make a good faith effort in empathizing with both their client and the opposing side. Professionalism and empathy go a long way for me.

**Someone whose opinion matters to me:** My uncle. He has been a big part in my success and when life ever throws me a curve ball, he always has some relatable life experience that can give me insight.

**People living or from the past I would like to invite to a dinner party and why:** Gene Roddenberry and Albert Einstein. I always loved Science and Science fiction. These two at a dinner table would make for quite the story.

**I am most happy when:** I'm on my feet talking. Like many trial attorneys, I love speaking in front of people.

**Best stress reliever:** I tend to relieve stress at the gym. A habit I adopted in Law school.

**What keeps me awake at night:** Usually contemplating the magnitude of life. Also, Netflix.

**This is the hardest part of my job:** Trying to prevent the emotional stress of my clients from becoming my own personal stress.

If you would like to be featured in the Young Lawyer Spotlight or know someone you would like your fellow lawyers to get to know, email Megan at Megan@morganhill-law.com.

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President's Message  
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In addition to money contributions, TCVLS is always looking to add volunteer lawyers to staff their clinics. Whether you are an experienced lawyer who can mentor those with less experience, a young lawyer looking to gain experience and help others, or just at a place in your life where you have more time than money, contact Rachael to volunteer.

Let's help TCVLS knock it out of the park at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> breakfast for those who need access to the justice system! As a longtime – i.e. old – local baseball fan, I would be remiss if I did not add ... Go Mariners!

On a related note, the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors (BOG) will be meeting – and holding a lunch – in Olympia on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Red Lion, and will present the “Local Hero” award to Judith Luther-Shiflett, who was selected from an impressive group of community-minded local lawyers. All are invited to attend the meeting and the lunch. Judy has volunteered on a weekly basis for the last five years, serving at both the Olympia Family Support Center, and at the once a month Shelton clinic. She has assisted clients who need legal services at the clinics, at court, in her office and just about anywhere else where they need her. Judy also spends substantial time mentoring younger lawyers and even assisting peers. Her efforts truly enhance the reputation of the legal profession in our county.

Congratulations, Judy on a well-deserved award! And thank you to the WSBA for getting out into our communities to recognize and publicize strong lawyers who are also compassionate people.

Service Opportunity: Exploring A Pro Bono Mentor Program  
By: Chris Lanese

As last year's Civil Legal Needs Study Update confirmed, those of limited and moderate means in our community have a tremendous, and growing, need for civil legal aid. Our legal community provides tremendous civil legal aid through Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services—through legal clinics, the Housing Justice Project, and through direct representation cases. Unfortunately, the demand for direct representation—cases where an attorney directly provides pro bono legal services to a client by representing him or her in a legal proceeding—vastly exceeds the supply of those services in our community.

In an effort to address that unmet need, the boards of the Thurston County Bar Association and Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services have passed a Joint Resolution creating a committee to explore the feasibility of creating a program to meet these unmet needs. One possible model is what the King County Bar Association has created through its Family Law Mentor Program. In that program, KCBA pairs less experienced attorneys who are eager to get more courtroom and client experience with more experienced family law practitioners who mentor the less experienced attorneys in the representation of low-income parents in contested family law matters. The program has been around for many years and has a great track record of success.

As stated, TCBA and TCVLS are establishing a joint committee to explore the feasibility of a program similar to King County's—or a variant therefrom, whether incorporating other areas of law, or involving more direct representation by more experienced attorneys. If you would like to serve on this committee to help with this important project, please contact me at christopherl@atg.wa.gov.

*Chris Lanese is the Chair of the Thurston County Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee and a former member of the State Bar's Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee. You may contact him at christopherl@atg.wa.gov with suggestions for how TCBA can better serve the legal needs of those of limited or moderate means in our community.*

Dear Members:

Below is this year's Law Day Speech Contest information. Please encourage any Thurston County high school students that you know to participate. The total prize money to be split among the top three speeches is \$1,800. This speech contest is a great way for kids to earn money for college. The topic this year is what is the most appropriate legal, social, and moral response to the issue of admitting refugees into the United States. There will be at least one preliminary round the week of April 11, 2016. The top three speech presenters will then give their speeches in the Finals on May 3, 2016 during the Rotary's monthly lunch meeting. We are especially excited this year that the Finals will be at the Viewpoint Room at the West Bay Marina in front of the West Olympia Rotary and TCBA members. Please save the date so you can come watch this awesome event and cheer for our local high school students. Please pass this information to any Thurston County high school students that would like to participate. We are really hoping for a large number of students this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather at [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

## 2016 T.C.B.A. LAW DAY SPEECH CONTEST



Sponsored by the Thurston County Bar Association and the West Olympia Rotary.

This year's topic is, in your opinion, what is the most appropriate legal, social, and moral response to the issue of admitting refugees into the United States? From Syrians fleeing their country's civil war to Central Americans escaping their countries' drug wars, the United States has faced a rush to its borders that has sparked a heated political debate. Your speech should lay out your personal views of how our country should handle these immigration issues.

Speech presenters are encouraged to take a historical perspective on how the United States has legally dealt with admitting refugees throughout our country's history. We strongly encourage presenters to express their own thoughts and ideas about how our country has historically treated refugees from around the world and how we should currently treat individuals who come to our country searching for freedom and a better way of life.

Contestants can use current and past laws to highlight their arguments or can design their own laws to address the immigration issues they have identified.

The speech should be approximately five to seven minutes long. There will be a preliminary round scheduled during the week of April 11 or April 18 that will take place in Superior Court at the main Thurston County Courthouse (specific time and date to be announced once we know the total number of participants). The top three speeches will advance to a final round on May 3, 2016 at a West Olympia Rotary lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Viewpoint Room at the West Bay Marina. Prize money will be awarded to the top three speeches. The total prize money to be split among the top three speeches is \$1,800.

This speech contest is open to all high school students attending high school in Thurston County. **DEADLINE:** You must notify us of your intent to participate in the speech contest no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2016. Please e-mail your intent to participate with your name, grade, school, and contact information to [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com). If you have specific questions, please contact Heather at the Thurston County Bar Association at [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com).

## **Clerk's Office Update**

### **As submitted by Thurston County Clerk, Linda Myhre Enlow -**

Odyssey, our new statewide Case Management System project, is now well underway and we are totally committed and vested. It is and will continue to be our top priority. It is an ongoing education and learning process for all involved from the Clerk's Office, AOC and Superior Court.

I would also like to thank the attorneys and staff for your patience as we work through important issues. Progress is being made.

We are working on highlighting our established goals for 2016:

- \* To view court calendars, all you need to do is visit our website at: [www.co.thurston.wa.us/clerk](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/clerk). The calendars are also posted as a link on our guest public computers in the lobbies of the main Courthouse and the FJC.
- \* The tentative timeline is early summer for the implementation of the scheduling of hearings in the Odyssey Portal for attorneys/assistants. This will allow attorneys to view available dates and schedule hearings.
- \* Did you know that eFiling is a free service? It will save you time and effort. Visit [www.co.thurston.wa.us/clerk](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/clerk) to learn about it. All the details are under the eFiling tab on the Clerk's webpage.

A special request: if you have feedback in relation to the Odyssey Portal, I would like to hear from you. You are a major stakeholder. As we continue to work through Odyssey Portal issues, we value and want your input.

Thank you to the Thurston County Bar Association for inviting me to share in your outstanding newsletter. I wish you a Happy Spring 2016.

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**CLE Preview: Valuations & Trials**  
**By: William B. Pope**

In addition to presenting summaries of CLEs after they occur, your TCBA CLE committee will also be providing previews of the upcoming CLEs that are planned. Our hope is that by sharing this information, our members will be better informed about programs they might want to attend and/or volunteer to help with. It is also a way of assisting our members plan for and schedule their future calendar events. This month, we are excited to share our plans for two CLEs to be offered this spring.

On March 31, I will be chairing “Valuation of Closely Held Business & Professional Practices – What the Legal Beagle Needs to Know.” Cary Deaton, MBA, CPA, CVA, ABV, Devon Brown, CPA, CVA, and Brianne Giovannini, MBA, CPA, all with the accounting firm Dwyer, Pemberton & Coulson, PC in Tacoma, will present a “nuts and bolts” overview of business valuations in the dissolution/legal separation arena. This presentation will hopefully benefit the numerous attorneys who deal with business valuations when representing their clients in family law matters. The presentation will take place from 1:00 pm to 4:20 pm at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club. You may register to attend at [www.thurstoncountybar.com](http://www.thurstoncountybar.com).

Last but not least, on May 18, Chris Lanese and John Skinder are partnering with the Thurston County Superior Court to present a Trial Practice CLE. This nuts and bolts program on trial skills has consistently been one of the most requested CLE topics by TCBA members. We are excited to be partnering with Judges Carol Murphy, Erik Price and Mary Sue Wilson to present what we hope will be an excellent program. The topics of this CLE are still being finalized, but we expect to feature a presentation by Patrick O’Connor on voir dire, a literal “view from the bench” presentation revealing what judges actually see and have access to when sitting on the bench, and more. If you have additional thoughts or suggestions about this CLE, please contact Chris at [christopherl@atg.wa.gov](mailto:christopherl@atg.wa.gov).

If you have ideas regarding future CLE topics, or would like to be involved in organizing CLEs by joining the TCBA CLE committee, please reach out to us at [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com).

This is your organization. Please help make it everything it can be.



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
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**Award Recipient**

***JUDITH LUTHER-SHIFLETT***

**March 25, 2016 Lunchtime CLE**  
**at 12:00 p.m. at the Red Lion**

**“Secrets of the Washington Supreme**  
**Court—Behind Closed Doors”**

**Presented by**  
**Justice Debra Stephens**

**Justice Stephens will provide an inside**  
**look at what happens in chambers and**  
**the day to day life of a Justice.**

Registration will begin soon.

## **TCBA & Other Upcoming Events**

### **Red Lion CLE:**

The next lunchtime CLE is on Friday, March 25, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the Red Lion. The topic is “Secrets of the Washington Supreme Court—Behind Closed Doors” presented by Justice Debra Stephens.

**Half Day “Valuation” CLE:** Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 1:00 p.m.— 4:20 p.m. at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club. See more information on page 10.

**Save the Date:** The April lunchtime CLE is at 12:00 p.m. at the Red Lion on Friday, April 29, 2016. The topic is TBA.

**May 2016 Issue of the Legal Brief:** There is a deadline of May 3, 2016 for submission of articles and advertisements to Heather Ligtenberg at [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com).

**Save the Date:** The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be on Friday, May 13, 2016 at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club.

**Save the Date:** A Half Day “Trial Practice” CLE is on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. See more information on page 10.

### **Save the Date:**

The Annual Golf Tournament is on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at Olympia Country & Golf Club. For more information contact Joe Lynch at [lynchlaw@reachone.com](mailto:lynchlaw@reachone.com).

Please refer to the “News & Events” section of our website for a full list of upcoming events:

**[www.thurstoncountybar.com](http://www.thurstoncountybar.com)**

## **Immigrant Predators: Wolves and Fishers**

By Neil Wise, Senior Counsel,  
Washington State Attorney General’s Office

Please join me on March 23 for a discussion of two predators that are re-colonizing our state after a long absence. First, we’ll talk about the gray wolf, a species that has been naturally migrating into Washington from Canada and Idaho. The wolf has an iconic status, and stirs primal instincts in many people, who either hate them or love them. Learn about the history, biology, current status, and potential future of the wolf in Washington, and the legal and political conflicts surrounding these creatures.

Next, we’ll talk about the fisher, a forest dwelling predator that is the largest member of the weasel family. An elusive, little-known animal, the fisher was once prized for its fur, and that demand resulted in devastating impacts on the Washington population. Trapping for this animal has been banned for decades and state and federal agencies are now working to re-establish the fisher in the state. Fishers have been re-introduced into the Olympic and Mt. Rainier National Parks, and the agencies have developed management plans and conservation agreements. The interplay between state and federal legal protection for the fisher will also be a topic of discussion.



## **Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services** *Annual Fundraising Breakfast*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 3rd**  
**7:00 A.M. to 8:30 a.m. at the Red Lion**

The TCVLS annual fundraising breakfast is **TUESDAY, MAY 3rd** at the Red Lion in West Olympia. The festivities begin at 7:00 a.m. and will be over by 8:30 a.m. While the event is free, a donation will be requested.

**Please consider becoming a Sponsor of the Breakfast:**

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Sponsors are recognized throughout the event and after. If you are interested, contact Rachael Lundmark at (360) 688-1376 or

[director@tcvls.org](mailto:director@tcvls.org).

**THANK YOU!**

## 2016 Board of Governors Lunch Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2016  
at 12:00 p.m. at the Red Lion in Olympia  
Cost: Free

The WSBA Local Hero Award will be presented by WSBA President, William D. Hyslop

Please RSVP to [ashkan@wsba.org](mailto:ashkan@wsba.org) with your name and WSBA # by Friday, March 4



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**It's that time of year to renew your TCBA Membership!**

We have received a lot of membership renewals this year... Thank you if you have already sent yours in.

If you have not yet renewed your membership please remember to do so by April 1, 2016.

Any member who has not renewed by April 1, 2016 will be removed from our email mailing list as well as the TCBA website no later than April 30, 2016.

You can renew your TCBA Membership online on the TCBA website, [www.thurstoncountybar.com](http://www.thurstoncountybar.com) or complete the Membership Form on page 14 and mail it to TCBA, PO Box 1653, Olympia, WA 98507.

If you have any questions please email [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com).

## Thurston County Bar Association 2016 Membership Registration

NAME\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ WSBA#\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

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 (or remain on) 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: (NO FEE for weblink)

Website address to link: \_\_\_\_\_  
(address must be provided to receive free link)

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

2016 Annual dues (Jan-Dec) \$50 \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Young Lawyer Annual dues \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Return form and payment to: TCBA, PO Box 1653, Olympia, WA 98507

If no payment due, you may alternatively e-mail form to: tcba.info@gmail.com

Office use only:  
Check no. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_  
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, whichever is later, 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.



**2016**  
**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**DANIEL BIGELOW AWARD**  
**HONORING THE LAWYER OF THE YEAR**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Thurston County Bar Association Daniel Bigelow Award. This award is named in Daniel Bigelow's honor and is given annually to recognize outstanding professional and community service. 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. He was a vocal advocate of equal rights, women's suffrage and public education.

The recipient of the award will be announced and honored at the annual meeting on May 13, 2016. A nomination may be made by any member of the TCBA. The TCBA Board of Directors are not eligible for the award. The Board 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, James Dixon, Jon Tunheim, Laurel Smith, and R. Alan Swanson.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the 2016 Daniel Bigelow Award.

Please send this nomination form along with a **typed letter** detailing the nominee's qualifications. Please list, in detail, all of the reasons that this nominee deserves the Daniel Bigelow Award. Relevant information may include, but is not limited to, the following information about the nominee:

- Outstanding professional service during the course of their career.
- Involvement in community service (legal or non-legal) during the course of their career.
- How the nominee has made Thurston County a better place to live and practice law.
- Years of service in the legal profession as an attorney, judge, or other law related profession.
- Mentorship to other attorneys in the local or state bar association.
- Involvement in legal committees, sections, or other boards.
- Pro bono hours or low income legal work.
- Activities in Thurston County or outside counties.
- Any other awards received or recognition by peers (legal or non-legal).
- Any publications.
- Member of other service organizations (i.e. Rotary Club, Junior League, etc.).
- Any other information helpful to the Board in making this determination.

The Board will weigh and consider the information contained in each nomination. Please provide as much substantive information about the qualifications of the nominee as possible in order to assist the Board in making an informed choice for this award.

**To be considered nominations must be received by: TUESDAY, March 29, 2016**  
**Please email to: [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com) or mail to: TCBA, PO Box 1653, Olympia, WA 98507**



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- Washington Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerry Alexander (Retired)

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