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President's Message By: Trevor Zandell

One of the most significant issues facing the local bar here in Thurston County is the construction of a new courthouse. The current main courthouse at 2000 Lakeridge Drive Southwest in Olympia, which has been in use for roughly 40-years, is no longer effectively meeting the needs of our legal community or the community at large. Earlier this year, I appointed Marie Docter to serve as the TCBA Board of Director's liaison regarding the new courthouse. Marie has been studying the issue, meeting with interested parties and attending meetings in which the courthouse matter was on the agenda. On behalf of the TCBA Board, I thank Marie very much for her support on this issue. Working with Marie, I have been spending some time recently researching and otherwise getting myself up to speed on this matter as well.

Something that seems clear to me as I learn about this issue is that one's understanding of the reasons why a new courthouse is necessary tends to be affected by the amount of time that one spends at the current courthouse. My practice emphasizes civil litigation, and as such, I typically only go to the courthouse for motion hearings once per week for a couple of hours at most. I also try cases at the courthouse, but civil trials are few and far between. As a result, even though I may be assumed to have a good deal of knowledge about the matter as a practicing attorney, the reality is that I had been mostly ignorant of the many problems with the current courthouse facilities. On the other end of the spectrum are our many colleagues who spend vast amounts of time working at the courthouse, including prosecuting attorneys, criminal defense attorneys, judges, court commissioners and court staff. I have spoken with many individuals who fall into those camps and they have universally expressed frustration with the inadequacies of the current courthouse.

The current courthouse facilities lack the cabling and bandwidth necessary to support remote-access hearings. This is particularly important because inmates at the Accountability and Restitution Center (ARC) need to be able to appear in court via remote access. The county does not have sufficient resources to continuously transport inmates to and from the ARC for hearings.

Lack of space is a major problem. I understand there have been repeated instances in which a case was all set to be tried, and all necessary individuals were present and ready to proceed (i.e., parties, attorneys, judge, court reporter, jurors, witnesses), but the trial was not able to go forward because all of the courtrooms were in use. This problem is particularly bad in District Court where they only have about half the space they need. To deal with that, District Court routinely holds trials in a Superior Court courtroom, which of course further reduces the amount of space available in Superior Court.

District Court is also considering adding a child care program. One of the primary reasons people give for not making a court date is lack of child care. Some bring their children to court with them, which can cause disruptions. Others simply skip their court dates, exacerbating their legal troubles. A court-sponsored child care program, which has been successful in other jurisdictions, could address these problems, but it seems doubtful that such a program would be feasible in the current courthouse given the lack of available space.

Lack of parking is a major headache too. This is an issue you may be aware of whether or not you are a frequent courthouse visitor. At peak times, the courthouse parking lot is often completely full.

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A View From the Bench

By Judge Lanese
Thurston County Superior Court



When I decided I wanted to be a Superior Court Judge, I knew it would be my dream job. Challenging, fulfilling, rewarding, and interesting; it was a job that would match my values, skills, and interests. My first eight months in the job has proven to me that the job is all those things and more. The professionalism and skills of attorneys I did not previously have the privilege of working with, the dedication and collegiality of the Superior Court staff, the collaborative nature of my fellow judges, and more--serving Thurston County in this capacity could not be a greater privilege.

One of the best parts of the job so far has been our Court not only having a willingness, but having an affirmative desire to examine itself and its practices in the pursuit of better serving our community. Our current efforts to examine and improve the handling of criminal matters is one example of that, but such efforts should not stop there. And I invite each and every one of you to participate in these efforts.

One way to do this is to reach out to judges at the conclusion of a trial or another matter you previously had before the judge. Once the matter is resolved and such contact is appropriate, I urge you to reach out to the judge and have a conversation about how the matter was handled. When I was an attorney, I relished these opportunities to get feedback from the judge about how I handled a case, and I was always pleasantly surprised at how judges specifically asked for, and were genuinely interested in receiving, feedback about how they had presided over the trial. Since becoming a judge, I've had several such post-trial meetings, and I've found the comments I've received from attorneys to be incredibly valuable. I specifically invite each and every one of you to take advantage of these opportunities with me when they arise.

Another way is to simply approach any member of the bench regarding improvements you believe would be beneficial to our systems. These could be simple such as a slight change to a court form, or something more complex such as changes to the procedures we use to handle specific types of cases. Our annual call to local attorneys for changes to our local rules is another example of such an opportunity to provide such input. In addition, when calls go out to local attorneys to join work groups or committees to make changes to our practices, I hope each and every one of you will consider volunteering.

Our Court's greatest resource is our people. And that includes the attorneys who practice here on a daily basis. I hope that each of you will take advantage of these opportunities to help us improve our practices so that together we can best serve our community.

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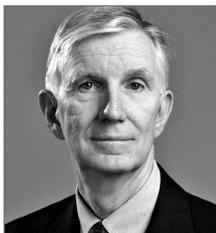
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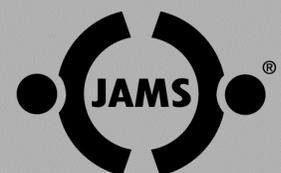
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YOUNG LAWYER SPOTLIGHT

BY JEN DOEHNE, YL CHAIR

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Robbi grew up in Shelton and graduated from University of Washington (B.A. in Sociology) and Arizona State University College of Law. She was an attorney at the Chehalis Tribe for several years and served as the Tribe's General Counsel before she decided to work in Olympia and accepted employment in state government.

Robbi met her husband, John Kesler III (WSBA No. 39380) in law school and they have lived in Thurston County since 2007. They have 2 children, Jack, age 7 and Clara, age 2.

She is a past president of the Junior League of Olympia and currently serves as Fundraising VP of the Olympia Regional Learning Academy's PTA. She enjoys family vacations (they have recently visited Mt. Rushmore, Grand Teton National Park, and Yellowstone National Park), golfing with friends, and tackling minor home improvement projects.

Areas you practice: I am an attorney at the Washington State House of Representatives' Office of Program Research, a nonpartisan office providing staff support to the House committees. I staff the Business and Financial Services Committee and my work includes providing policy analysis, bill and amendment drafting, and legal research.

My favorite vacation place: Hawaii

Best stress reliever: Yoga or reading a good book.

If I could live anywhere: Right here! Olympia/Thurston County is a great place to live. My time in Arizona quickly made me realize how much I love the PNW.

I can't live without: Coffee!

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 Jennifer at jdoehne@bgwp.net

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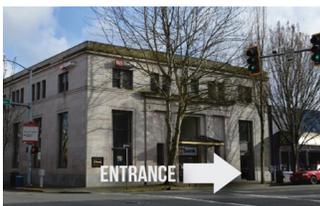
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Bench/Bar Meeting:

There is a Bench/Bar brown bag lunch meeting on

**November 9, 2017
at 12:00 p.m.
at Thurston County Superior Court.**

Please email tcba.info@gmail.com with agenda items by October 31, 2017.

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There are also security concerns. Judges and court staff use the same entrances and exits as the general public. Also, in-custody criminal defendants are lead to and from court appearances through the same back hallways used by judges, court staff and jurors. It is an unfortunate reality that, given the nature of their jobs, judges and court staff can become the targets of violence. There have been recent examples locally with the attacks on Judge Buckley here in Thurston County and Judge Edwards in Grays Harbor County. These dedicated public servants deserve to be afforded reasonable protection from physical violence, and they are not receiving that currently.

In June, Governor Inslee signed House Bill 1344, which extended the amount of time a county may increase bond levies above state limits on property tax collections. The bill extended the limit from 9-years to 25-years, allowing the county to finance the construction of a new courthouse over a longer and more realistic timeframe. The bill was sponsored by Representative Laurie Dolan, a Democrat from the 22nd Legislative District, and enjoyed the full support of Thurston County's Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Even with the passage of the funding bill, significant challenges must still be overcome for the new courthouse to become a reality. A building site within the City of Olympia will have to be selected. The BOCC must prioritize the new courthouse project over other capital project proposals, such as a new convention center. Then a funding measure will have to be placed on the ballot and the voters will have to approve the same. The TCBA Board is committed to doing all that it can to help move this process forward. As such, in August, the TCBA Board adopted a resolution urging the BOCC to make financing and constructing a new courthouse facility the top capital priority of county government. A copy of the resolution is printed on page 16 of this issue.



TCBA Summer Barbecue

TCBA Members and their families gathered at Burfoot Park for the 6th annual Member Appreciation Barbecue on August 19, 2017.

Attendees enjoyed delicious barbecue hamburgers and hotdogs while visiting with fellow members!

A special thanks to TCBA Board Members Patrick O'Connor and Laura Murphy for serving on the planning committee for this year's barbecue.

Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court presents:

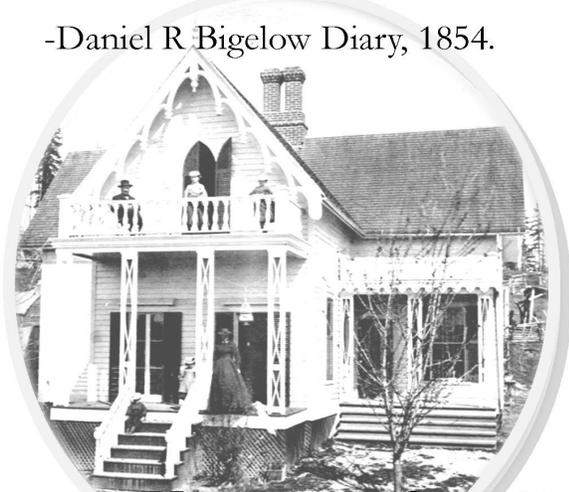
**Lunchtime Education on Tuesday, September 26, 2017
at 12:15 p.m. at Family and Juvenile Court**

**Topic: Permanent Placement: Guardianship/Non-Parental/Adoptions
Presented by Shelly Arneson**

No registration required. CLE credit is free. Just show up!
For more information, email Edith VanderWal at vandere@co.thurston.wa.us

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News from the Washington State Law Library

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There are two photocopiers available for public use at the law library, one in the Main Reading Room (first floor) and another in the Periodical Reading Room (ground level). The first 200 pages of copies are FREE. Alternatively, you may scan an unlimited number of pages to a USB drive from the copiers. You must bring your own USB drive. Copying and scanning is limited to library and legal materials only, and copyright restrictions still apply.

Can't make it to WSLI in person? We'll scan up to 100 pages of material (time permitting) and email it to you at no cost. If you need more than 100 pages, please visit the law library to check out the book.

Libraries & Hurricane Harvey

Libraries in Houston and the surrounding area are dealing with damage following Hurricane Harvey. The American Library Association (ALA) is working in cooperation with the Texas Library Association and the Texas State Library to assist libraries in clean-up and repair efforts. The Texas Library Association's Disaster Relief Fund provides grants to libraries in need of recovery assistance.

New Books: Additions to WSLI's Collection

WSLI recently added a number of social justice and social science-related titles to our collection. Below are some of our new books, along with links to the titles in WSLI's catalog:

[Because of Sex: One Law, Ten Cases, and Fifty Years That Changed American Women's Lives at Work by Gillian Thomas.](#)

[Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women by Susan Burton and Cari Lynn, with a foreword by Michelle Alexander.](#)

[The Brain Defense: Murder in Manhattan and the Dawn of Neuroscience in America's Courtrooms by Keven Davis.](#)

[The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein.](#)

[Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond.](#)

[Julius Chambers: A Life in the Legal Struggle for Civil Rights by Richard A. Rosen and Joseph Mosnier.](#)

[My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg with Mary Harnett and Wendy W. Williams.](#)

Accessing Briefs Online

WSLI maintains one of the most comprehensive print collections of Washington State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals briefs, dating back to the establishment of the state.

Electronic briefs are also available on the Washington Courts website for various years. Supreme Court briefs filed since June 2006 are available [here](#). You can search by case number, case title, hearing date, or title. Briefs filed in the Court of Appeals are available for [Division I](#) and [Division II](#) from June 2006; and [Division III](#) from August 2010.

If you need assistance locating briefs in hard copy or online, please contact us at 360-257-2136 or Library.Requests@courts.wa.gov.

Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week is taking place Sept. 24-30, 2017. According to ALA, Banned Books Week is "an annual event celebrating the freedom to read." The ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom publishes an annual list of the [top ten most challenged books](#).

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What You Should Know About Unified Bar Associations

When people get angry/frustrated/disappointed with the WSBA, eventually the conversation will turn to suggestions to transform the WSBA into a voluntary bar association, with mandatory functions transferred directly to the Supreme Court. Usually, that suggestion is accompanied by the notion that two bar associations (one mandatory, one voluntary) would result in a reduction in our dues and would enable members to direct the application of their license fees.

WSBA has been an integrated mandatory Bar since 1933. It serves as both an administrative arm of the Washington State Supreme Court and also as the official statewide professional association for Washington attorneys and now other legal professionals.

The majority of the state bar associations in the country are integrated and mandatory. A map illustrating the different organizations is compelling: virtually all of the states in the west have mandatory bar associations, as do almost all of the states in the south. Voluntary bar associations, on the other hand, are more prevalent in the northeast.

California was one of the first states to unify its bar and make it mandatory. It is the only bar with its own State Bar Court. Colorado is the most western state that has a non-mandatory bar association. Three states (Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina), and the District of Columbia have two bar organizations, one voluntary and one mandatory. Illinois claims the largest voluntary bar in the country, with approximately 30,000 members. Iowa says it is the oldest voluntary bar association in the country, established in 1874. New Hampshire claims to be the oldest bar organization of either type, since it was established in 1873. Membership in New Hampshire was made mandatory in 1969. Therefore, North Dakota claims the distinction as the oldest mandatory bar, since it was established in 1899.

Our neighbors to the east and south are also mandatory bar associations. Idaho's license fees are \$425 for 2017 while Oregon charges its members \$557, including the client security fund assessment. California's bar dues were reduced to \$297 in 2017 by the California Supreme Court. Our license fee was \$415 in 2017, including the mandatory \$30 assessment for the Client Protection Fund.

Efforts to de-unify mandatory bar associations were not new; in many of the 32 states where bar membership is required in order to practice law, bills to make membership voluntary routinely get introduced in state legislatures. They rarely make it out of committee, according to the National Center for State Courts.

Chris Meserve
Member, WSBA Board of Governors
10th Congressional District

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If you are interested or have questions, please contact Heather at tcba.info@gmail.com

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News From the Washington State Law Library

Temple of Justice Renovations Complete

Repairs to the Temple of Justice exterior were completed this summer. All building entrances are now open. Upgrades to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office that began in mid-April are currently on hold.

Upcoming Holiday Closures

WSLL will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day), Friday, Nov. 10 (Veterans Day), Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day), and Friday, Nov. 24 (Native American Heritage Day).

Contributed by Washington State Law Library reference staff.

United Way Day of Caring on September 22, 2017

A team of TCBA members will participate in this year's 25th annual United Way Day of Caring on September 22, 2017, the single largest day of volunteerism in Thurston County!

If you would like to volunteer, please email Heather at tcba.info@gmail.com by September 15, 2017.

Interested in getting more involved in the TCBA?

A great way get involved is to join the TCBA CLE or Bench/Bar Committees!

Please contact Heather at tcba.info@gmail.com for more information

Section/Committee Announcements...

Family Law Section

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

Mike DeWitt is the Chair of this section.

If you have any questions please contact Mike at (360) 705-9000 or Mike.taylorlawgroup@gmail.com

Young Lawyer Section

The Young Lawyer Section holds regular Monthly Meetings the first Tuesday of every month.

Jennifer Doehne is the Chair of this section. Her email address is jdoehne@bgwp.net

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

TCBA & Other Upcoming Events

Swearing-in Ceremony: Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Thurston County Superior Court. A social happy hour to follow at Three Magnets Brewing Co.

The United Way Day of Caring: Friday, September 22, 2017. Please email Heather at tcba.info@gmail.com if you are available to volunteer for a half day (morning or afternoon) or full day.

TCBA Member Luncheon and CLE: The next TCBA Member Luncheon and CLE is on Friday, September 29, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at Hotel RL. The topic is “Civil Legal Aid in Thurston County and the Ethics of Pro Bono Advice/Representation” presented by Judge Dubuisson (retired), Attorneys Jason Zittel, Holly Scott Laukkonen, & Lawrence Hoffman, and Executive Director of TCVLS Rachael Langen Lundmark.

Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Section CLE: There will be a lunchtime section CLE on October 12, 2017 at Ramblin’ Jacks at 12:00 p.m. The topic is the “Hirst Decision” presented by Attorney Kim Thornton. Please RSVP to Ann Harrie at aharrie@bgwp.net by October 9. Cost: The CLE is free, but you need to purchase your lunch at Ramblin’ Jacks.

November 2017 Issue of the Legal Brief: There is a deadline of October 24, 2017 for submission of articles and advertisements to Heather Ligtenberg at tcba.info@gmail.com.

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Save the Date: The Holiday Lunch will be on December 15, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Olympia Golf & Country Club.

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Support for Volunteers

TCVLS will offer training and support for attorneys to provide limited or full representation to clients whose cases have been reviewed by a selection committee. Attorneys in all practice areas are welcome! TCVLS can connect volunteers to a mentor attorney for guidance and support along the way. Attorneys can work in pairs or on a team to tackle their first pro bono case. TCVLS provides malpractice insurance, access to meeting space at our office, copying and other resources as needed to volunteers who take on pro bono cases through TCVLS. TCVLS is holding a series of free CLEs this fall for current and potential volunteers, through generous donations of time from Thurston County Court Commissioners and local attorneys. Check out www.tcvls.org/cle-trainings for more info!

Benefits of Volunteering

Volunteers with TCVLS gain experience in new areas of law, build relationships with other attorneys in the community, access opportunities for trial and courtroom experience, earn CLE credits, mentor another attorney as they learn a new area of law, and make a lasting impact on the life of a community member who is struggling to navigate the legal system on their own.

Ways to Get Involved

Mentor Attorney: provide support and guidance to a volunteer attorney who is working on a pro bono case outside their typical area of practice

Pro Bono Attorney: take on a pro bono case identified by TCVLS

Trainer: present a CLE for TCVLS volunteer attorneys

Contact Christa at coordinator@tcvls.org or (360) 810-2321 to learn more or to get involved. We would love to come speak to your firm or organization about pro bono work with TCVLS. We are happy to answer questions and brainstorm ways to make volunteering with TCVLS work for you.

Visit our website at www.tcvls.org/probono to see the latest updates on our initiative to increase direct representation--including information sessions, free CLEs, and other news!



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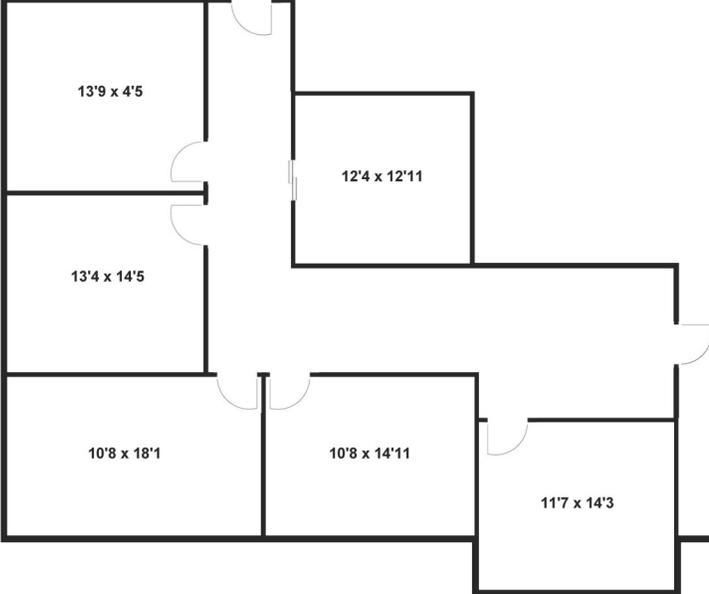
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I have been informed that in the past, many organizations have been interested in contributing time and funds to host these new admittees – please let Jen Doehne know at jdoehne@bgwp.net if your group is interested in partnering with the Young Lawyer division!

Criminal Law Section Meeting:

There will be a
Criminal Law Section meeting on

**October 4, 2017
at Thurston County Superior Court,
courtroom 102
at 12:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in contributing a column to one of our Legal Brief Newsletters, we want to hear from you!!

Funny, interesting, educational or even controversial articles written by our TCBA members are always welcome.

Please submit to tcba.info@gmail.com

“IN RE: DEAN HAMILTON”

BY CHRISTOPHER COKER

1. **Name and year admitted to Bar.** Dean Hamilton- 1990
2. **Areas you practice in.** Main area is collections, but do general civil litigation and bail bond matters as well.
3. **I became a lawyer because . . .** As a kid my dad took me to see him argue in front of Supreme Court and I always thought that becoming a lawyer would allow me to help others and make money.
4. **The hardest part of being a lawyer is . . .** Reediting in legal writing. And explaining to someone who thinks they were wronged that they do not have a case.
5. **I would give this advice to a first-year law student:** Keep your dreams alive, but do not be surprised when you begin a career basically doing what a boss tells you to do.
6. **Traits I admire in other attorneys.** Those whose word is their bond eliminating the dueling “memorialization of conversation” letters.
7. **If I were not practicing law, I would be . . .** Coaching and writing about basketball.
8. **What automobile best represents you and why?** A classic VW convertible bug before being a parent because its simple yet fun. After having a child something safer like an Audi TT because its a straight forward and affordable sports car.
9. **What is the first thing you will do when you retire?** Head to a place where I swim in the ocean everyday, probably the Hilo side of the big Island, Hawaii.
10. **If you could time travel, would you go to the past or the future? Why?** Future no doubt. I want to see how mankind evolves and if far enough in the future what space discoveries are made that include some form of life.
11. **What words of wisdom would you pass on to your childhood self?** Life is not easy and while the quest for exploration is admirable, the details and discipline lead you to success. Don’t use drugs.
12. **What words of wisdom would you give to a young lawyer new to the profession?** Listen well, especially in court. Stop arguing sooner. Be nice to the lower bench, the judge likes them.

Brief synopsis of you, your personal life, your work life, and any special awards or activities.

Most of my life in the last sixteen years, I have been a single parent raising a gifted and stubborn daughter, Magnolia. I traveled a lot, often on freight trains (back when they had box cars) before law school. I worked for Seattle public schools until I met a judge who made me his bailiff, mentored me and I decided to go to law school, where I always planned to go anyway.

I am a sole practitioner who gets to go to court often and I have developed great rapport with the judges I appear in front of.

Outside of law I have volunteered my time to different roles to improve education including task forces and a leadership team in a failing school to an award winning one, for which the whole team found great satisfaction.

I specialize in Collections, and work both sides, helping creditors and debtor/consumers. I also do mediations and arbitrations. I welcome any referrals for those who need in my areas of expertise.

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The 24th Annual Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference will take place on **March 22-23, 2018**, at the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle. **The Conference Planning Committee is now seeking proposals on topics related to dispute resolution for this exciting multi-track conference.**

As in prior years, we expect more than 300 attendees from a diverse array of professional backgrounds, including dispute resolution professionals, lawyers of all practice levels, law students, community mediators, and human resources management and insurance industry professionals. We welcome all proposals and encourage you to think outside the box!

Please submit your proposal(s) no later than **October 31, 2017**. To [download the Request For Proposals \(RFP\)](#) and [review previous conference programs](#), please [visit our website](#).

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Resolution in Support of New Thurston County Courthouse

Whereas, the members of the Board of Directors of the Thurston County Bar Association are committed to support and promote the effective and efficient administration of justice within Thurston County, Washington;

Whereas, the members of the Board of Directors of the Thurston County Bar Association believe that it is the duty of the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners to provide safe, accessible and functional court facilities; and

Whereas, the current facilities at 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, for Thurston County Superior and District Courts are not safe, accessible or functional; now therefore be it

Resolved that the members of the Board of Directors of the Thurston County Bar Association urge the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners to make financing and constructing a new courthouse facility the top capital priority of County government.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2017.

Thurston County Bar Association



By: Trevor A. Zandell, President