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## President's Message

By: Geoff Hulse

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When I started writing this President's Message, I found myself dwelling on what has been going on for almost two years now. The 2021 holiday season has come to an end, and if you had been paying attention to the television, radio, internet, etc., most Americans were saying "good riddance" to 2021 instead of "welcome" to 2022.

I continued on to describe the rollercoaster-like series of events that we have all been a part of during this pandemic. In particular, I wrote about the TCBA having an in-person event, then being hit with the Delta variant. Then, discussing having the holiday luncheon, just to be now dealing with the Omicron variant. It is like déjà vu.

Then I realized that I was doing the exact opposite of what I wanted to do. I was dwelling on the negative, when I meant to be discussing moving forward. Why was I doing this? Frankly, it is easier to focus on the negative, but that absolutely disregards and nullifies any of the advances we have made.

As a professional organization, 2021 was actually a great chapter for Thurston County Bar Association. We welcomed three new judges onto our bench. We celebrated Judge Price's appointment to the Court of Appeals. We were able to meet in person on a few occasions. We were able to continue our online meetings. We were able to honor those in our membership who demonstrated a strong commitment not only to this profession but also to their community. These are all exciting events involving the bar.

While the end of the year is the typical time to express one's gratitude, I want to again thank the members of this organization for everything they do for this profession and the community. At our holiday luncheon we were able to recognize the hard work and dedication of our current and past section leaders and prior board members. Judge Schaller recognized the work of those attorneys who stepped up to assist the Court's COVID-related backlog. Finally, I want to recognize that the membership was able to make the lives of

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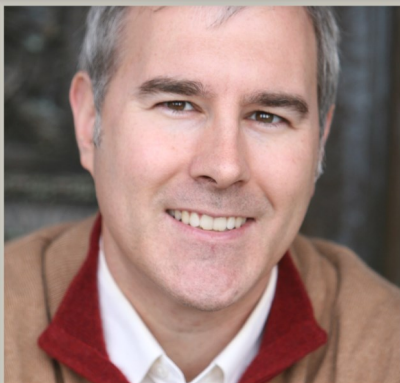
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some families a little brighter with the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family drive and also contributed over \$2,000 to help pay the grocery bills of those families.

What does 2022 have in store for all of us? I cannot answer that. The World Health Organization anticipates this pandemic will end this year. Hopefully that is true, and we will be able to perform more in-person events and get back to "normal."

Most importantly, I would anticipate that the membership of the Thurston County Bar Association will continue to advance this profession and our community.

So on behalf of the Thurston County Bar Association Board of Directors I would like to welcome 2022 and all of the exciting potential this year may bring.

### THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT



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**Meeting ID: 854 0792 6447, Passcode: 250586**

- Welcome and Introduction by Thurston County Superior Court Presiding Judge Mary Sue Wilson
- Presentation of Portrait by Geoff Hulsey, TCBA President

## A View From The Bench

**By Commissioner Rebekah Zinn  
Thurston County Superior Court**



The legal system is here to keep disputes civil and work toward resolution. There is room for improvement and evolution and also to keep the fundamentals alive and vibrant. I have worked in courts for 16 years, yet I have never believed in this system's importance more fundamentally than I do today.

By way of background, my career is unusual because I started in and stayed in the court system. I worked my way up at the Court of Appeals, Division Two, as a law school extern, then clerk, then staff attorney. I joined Thurston County Superior Court as a staff attorney and was appointed part-time Commissioner starting in 2011. I have worked for 25 judges! Approximately two years ago, I fulfilled a long-standing dream of becoming a full-time Court Commissioner. It is only the start; I have a lifetime of learning and growth ahead of me to better serve the community.

Without an open and accessible court system, people take desperate measures and face desperate consequences from their disputes. During the eviction moratoria, I have seen an increase in lock-outs, break-ins, violence, and property damage in landlord/tenant and roommate disputes. Landlords and tenants have faced staggering financial and personal consequences. While the eviction moratoria were enacted to decrease the effects of the pandemic, not to keep people out of court, this serves as an example of what happens when people cannot obtain a civil resolution to their problems.

Unlawful Detainer law has changed dramatically during the pandemic. No-cause evictions are no longer permitted. There is now a civil right to counsel for low-income tenants. TCVLS's Housing Justice Project and its dedicated volunteers have been providing services for this population in our county for years, but now they will have much better resources and they are partnered with Northwest Justice Project attorneys to provide direct representation. Further, private landlords' attorneys are providing a critical resource in this important, exciting, and evolving area of law.

The court has enacted an Eviction Resolution Pilot Project, requiring rent-failure cases to go through mandatory mediation before court filing is allowed. The Dispute Resolution Center has done a tremendous job creating this program and is dedicated to fair and speedy resolutions for both sides. There are rental assistance funds available to pay landlords and, despite what may be happening in other counties, I am assured that requests for rental assistance are being processed timely here. Make sure to check the Court's website for the Orders and other documents that outline the mandatory court process.

I personally want to thank all of the attorneys and non-profit partners who work in this area. We have an amazing group of landlord and tenant attorneys who work diligently and successfully to resolve most of these cases without a judicial decision on the merits. Despite how I feel about the importance of courts, people are generally more satisfied when they settle their cases. You, as a lawyer, make civil resolutions possible.

In order to help others, as you all are doing, you absolutely must take good care of yourself. A warm bath or a glass of wine are insufficient to care for yourself properly, especially with a demanding job and a world in crisis. I encourage all of you to socialize positively, make art, move your body, sleep, hang out with pets, breathe, meditate, journal, play, laugh, and spend time in nature. Please turn to professional help when you need it and be honest about what you are going through with people who you trust. A warm bath helps too.

## Tributes to Retired Washington Supreme Court Justice Mary E. Fairhurst

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of Retired Washington Supreme Court Justice Mary Elizabeth Fairhurst. Click on this link for the press release: [Washington State Courts - Washington Court News](#).

To honor Retired Justice Fairhurst's legacy, we invited members of our local legal community to share a memory or write a statement celebrating her contributions to the law and legal ethics.

Mary and I go back over 30 years.

Our paths first crossed when I planned to run for the Board of Governors in 1992. Soon I realized Mary was also running and I wisely reconsidered. I called to tell her of my decision and we were friends from then on. I saw her in 1998 in the parking lot of The Valley and she told me that I was going to run for the Board...which I did and got elected. The timing was right which she knew. Mary wrote a 2 page letter recommending me when I ran for bar president, which she did without hesitation.

She was 10 years younger but it was like she was my big sister.

Mary moved to Ken Lake and inherited our old red canoe. I think it gave her a lot of happiness.

When she ran for the Court, her campaign picture was taken in my office library as she requested.

Judy and I were included as part of a small group at her house the night she was first elected to the court. It was a celebration.

Whether it was at The Valley, Haggen's grocery store, the annual party at Susan Owen's house, WSBA events, there would be Mary and we so enjoyed laughing and seeing each other. Always a hug and catch up on my kids. She was always upbeat, even when she had reason to be otherwise.

The nice thing about Mary is you always got it from her direct, from the heart. She was so comfortable to be around. I can't believe she is gone. Mary was like family. I will miss my friend and big sister. - **Stephen J. Henderson**

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Justice Fairhurst was not only a talented and conscientious judge; she was a warm, welcoming person who shepherded many young lawyers into the profession as they clerked for the Court. I will always remember her kindness and attention, which I thought rare, as I was not even her clerk. I am proud to live in a state that elevated her to its highest legal echelon—she well deserved it. - **Eric Eisenberg**

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Justice Mary Fairhurst was one of the most approachable, welcoming, and kind people you could ever meet – it didn't matter that she was a Justice for the Washington Supreme Court. She always remembered your name and gave big hugs at the Gonzaga Law School Olympia Alumni Receptions. She was so positive and upbeat despite battling cancer. In honor of Justice Fairhurst, we should all remember to make a difference – no matter how big or small. - **Megan Card**

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I will continue to be inspired by Mary's positive attitude, generous spirit, and authentic leadership. She has been a positive influence for so many people, especially in the legal profession. I will miss her warm smile and encouraging words of wisdom. I will also think of her whenever I attend a Mariner's game. - **Michelle Gonzalez**

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Justice Fairhurst was consistently generous with her wisdom about how to be an effective public servant. I was honored to be at her home when she welcomed our new Thurston County Superior Court Judges. Her message was to do more than focus on the cases on our dockets. She shared the importance of taking on policy changes and administrative responsibility to transform the community into the future. She accomplished that with aplomb.

Justice Fairhurst made me, and so many others, feel supported and respected. She wanted everyone to succeed and she stands as a pillar of what success can look like – hard work, intellectual integrity, and driving determination – all powered by a glowing fireball of compassion. - **Commissioner Rebekah Zinn**

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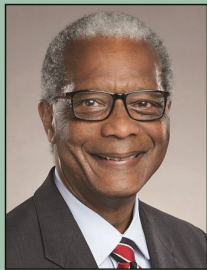
In the 32 years I knew Mary Fairhurst, she was one of the most genuinely kind and selfless individuals I've ever known, on a personal level and with my family, as well as with everyone she came into contact with statewide. While I could write extensively about that, I also want to highlight her intellectual accomplishments.

Before she became Chief Justice Fairhurst, Mary was the chief of the Revenue Division of the Attorney General's Office, which defends the State in tax cases, often involving six-figure claims and complex state and federal constitutional issues. Prior to that, she was a member of the Transportation Division of the AGO, another extremely challenging area of the law that has a significant impact on the state budget. Mary's accomplishments also included representing the Department of Corrections. While little or no money was at stake, her legal work for the Department addressed important civil rights. As the president of the Washington State Bar Association, she emphasized the importance of legal ethics. Her ethics were placed front and center when she became a state Supreme Court Justice and acted with the highest ethical standards at all times. She will be deeply missed. - **Anne Egeler**



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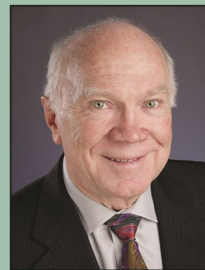
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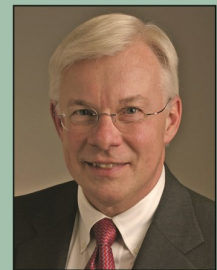
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## Young Lawyer Spotlight By Devin Kohr, Section Chair



### Justin Huxford

Admitted to the Bar in October 2021

**Areas of Practice...**Criminal defense, family, and housing law

**I became a lawyer because...**I returned to law school after a nearly 20-year career in the customer service industry. However, my inspiration for returning to law school stemmed from my own interactions with the criminal justice system as a teenager. Those experiences profoundly shaped my life in my twenties. and I returned to law school to help those facing similar life circumstances that lead to both civil and criminal legal issues.

**The hardest part of being a lawyer is....**The nerves. The stakes in this profession are real and so impactful on the lives of our clients. It goes without saying that as a young lawyer I am still working to build my confidence as a legal professional and I want my clients to have faith in my assessment of their issues and the representations I make to the court in writing and oral arguments. It is a process, but I am coming into my own with each new skill and knowledge base.

**I would give this advice to a first year law student...**Self-care is so important to being successful academically. Until the pandemic derailed live classes, I was commuting from Olympia to Seattle five days a week, while juggling my obligations as a coparent to my young daughter. A good routine and habits were key to my success. If I can overcome those obstacles to graduate, then I believe anyone can

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## Young Lawyer Spotlight, Continued

with the right mindset and commitment.

Traits I admire in other attorneys...Coming back to my previous answer, confidence in their practice and abilities. I have been fortunate to observe and work with some incredible litigators during my law school and clinical experiences. There is nothing better than to watch a lawyer confidently putting forth his argument to the court during oral arguments.

**If I were not practicing law I would be...**An archaeologist. I have a degree in history and have always loved ancient cultures. I have been to approximately 8 Mayan ruins sites in Mexico and Central America and was considering doctoral programs before my daughter was born. Ultimately, practicality got the better of my graduate school decision making and law school won the day.

**What is the first thing you will do when you retire?** Travel and more travel. I lived abroad as a child of a military family for seven years and spent about two years travelling solo in Latin America during my twenties. My daughter and law school have prevented any big trips the last few years but there are infinite destinations I would like to see in this lifetime.

**What words of wisdom would you pass on to your childhood self?** Believe in the validity of your successes and that the work you put in brought you to this place. Learn from your mistakes and keep moving forward. Failures are the most instructive part of life and should be treated as lessons, not cause for self-sabotage and a negative perception of self.

**What words of wisdom would you give to a young lawyer new to the profession...**Be authentic in everything you do as an attorney for your clients. The academic and developmental process as an attorney establishes a professional distance between you and the clients that you are working with and its sometime hard to overcome. Being genuine in your interactions with clients builds trust and allows you to represent your client's interests more completely and competently.

**About me...**In addition to my legal work, I am an avid sports fan, basketball player, traveler, hiker, car enthusiast, and guitarist. I am the proud single father to a local second grader and the majority of my life decisions center her stability and development. I look forward to travelling in the future with my daughter along for the adventure. As my practice develops, I hope to become more involved in the local legal and legal aid communities to position myself to contribute my skillset to clients in the probono and lowbono demographics that are dramatically underserved by the legal community in Washington State.

**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 Devin Kohr @ [dkohr@bgwp.net](mailto:dkohr@bgwp.net)**



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### **Extended Hours Curbside Event**

Does your new year's resolution list include checking out or picking up law library books? We hope so! The State Law Library is conducting a special two day curbside checkout and pickup event on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 am – 4pm. Curbside checkout is available in the north parking lot of the Temple of Justice (facing Capitol Lake and the Law Enforcement Memorial). Look for the curbside sign when you arrive, give us a call and we will be right out to help you. We are also continuing regular curbside hours every Tuesday and Thursday, from 11 am – 1 pm. Please contact us at [library.requests@courts.wa.gov](mailto:library.requests@courts.wa.gov) if you have any questions.

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### **In Brief(s)**

The Washington Courts website contains appellate briefs for as far back as 2006 ([https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate\\_trial\\_courts/](https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/)). However, what happens if you need a brief from before that time? The law library can help you out. We have the largest set of published appellate briefs in the state. Brief books are available to check out, or you can request a scanned copy by contacting us at [library.requests@courts.wa.gov](mailto:library.requests@courts.wa.gov) with your case citation. Please allow up to 48 hours to fulfill your request.

### **Stay Updated**

We announced in the last TCBA newsletter that the law library will be moving to a temporary location in 2022 while the Temple of Justice undergoes an 18 month infrastructure renovation. Updates about the move, library services and renovation news will be posted to the library [website \(www.courts.wa.gov/library\)](http://www.courts.wa.gov/library). Be sure to bookmark the sites and check back often for the latest. You can also register as a follower of the [library blog \(https://medium.com/walawlibrary\)](https://medium.com/walawlibrary) or update your library [user account \(https://librarycatalog.courts.wa.gov/cgi-bin/koha/opac-user.pl\)](https://librarycatalog.courts.wa.gov/cgi-bin/koha/opac-user.pl) to indicate that you would like to receive library updates.

### **Upcoming Holiday Closures**

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The next meeting is planned for January 12, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom. The planned discussion will be about mental health.

We are reading Roy Grinker's book "Nobody's Normal: How Culture Created the Stigma of Mental Illness." The discussion will be about the introduction, chapter 8 (Norma and Normman), and chapter 12 (Telling Secrets).

**Meet the Diversity & Inclusion Section Co-Chairs**  
**ZELENA JONES** **JESSICA SHEN**



If you have any questions, please contact  
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## Section/Committee Announcements, Continued

### YOUNG LAWYER SECTION

The next meeting is TBD. We hope to continue in-person meetings on the every third Thursday of the month soon.

**Meet the Young Lawyer Section Chair  
DEVIN KOHR**



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## Section/Committee Announcements, Continued

### FAMILY LAW SECTION

Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of every month.  
Meetings are generally held at 12:10 p.m. via Zoom.

#### Meet the Family Law Section Chair MEREDITH GERHART



If you have any questions, please contact  
Meredith Gerhart at (360) 350-6505 or [Meredith@gerhartlegal.com](mailto:Meredith@gerhartlegal.com)

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## Section/Committee Announcements, Continued

### REAL ESTATE, LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION

The next section meeting is TBD. Please stay tuned.

Meet the Real Estate, Land Use & Env. Law Section Chair  
**HEATHER BURGESS**



If you have any questions, please contact Heather Burgess at [hburgess@phillipsburgesslaw.com](mailto:hburgess@phillipsburgesslaw.com).

VISIT THE TCBA REAL ESTATE, LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION WEB PAGE [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Section/Committee Announcements, Continued

### CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

We hope to have the next meeting in mid-February. Stay tuned.

#### Meet the Criminal Law Section Co-Chairs

**LINDSEY TRAKEL**

**ANGELA COLAIUTA**



If you have any questions, please contact  
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and  
Angela Colaiuta at [angela.colaiuta@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:angela.colaiuta@co.thurston.wa.us)

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## TCBA & Other Upcoming Events

**TCBA January CLE:** January 28, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom and in-person (if it is safe to gather in-person) at Tugboat Annie's. The topic is "Firearm Restoration" presented by Attorney Vitaliy Kertchen. Please register on the TCBA website here: <https://thurstoncountybar.com/continuing-legal-education-cle/>.

**Save the dates for future CLEs:** February 25, 2022 and March 25, 2022. Topics and locations TBD.

**March 2022 Issue of the Legal Brief:** The deadline to submit articles and advertisements for the March 2022 Legal Brief is February 20, 2022. Please email them to Heather Ligtenberg at [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com).

**Save the Date:** The TCBA Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2022, at the Olympia Golf & Country Club at 5:30 p.m. (if it is safe to gather in-person).

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

### ATTENTION MEMBERS

If you have **not** provided the TCBA with an email address you may be missing out on important notifications for CLE's and social events. The Legal Brief is the only thing to be printed and mailed in an effort for the TCBA to work towards going green.

Please contact [tcba.info@gmail.com](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Also, please remember to notify us when you change your email address or change addresses.

We want to make sure you do not miss anything.



**Congratulations  
to the  
Honorable Judge Allyzon Zipp  
for her appointment to  
the Thurston County Superior Court!**

## TCBA Holiday Lunch and Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family Program

The annual TCBA Holiday Lunch was held on December 12, 2021, at the Olympia Golf & Country Club. We had 50 members RSVP including members of the judiciary and elected officials. It was so nice to see everyone in-person again and share a delicious lunch together. We hope that you had a great holiday season!



Dear Thurston County Bar Association Members,

Words cannot express the gratitude I have for our membership. Your participation in the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program in 2021 demonstrated your commitment to this community and those of our most vulnerable community members, particularly in the time of a worldwide pandemic and associated economic hardship.

Every year, TCBA partners with the Salvation Army to make the holiday season a little brighter for those in our community in need of assistance. We participate in two ways. First, our members, their firms, agencies, families, and friends adopt families of various sizes, and the participants donate various gifts to the family members. Second, we "passed the hat" to supplement our overall donations in the form of grocery store gift cards.

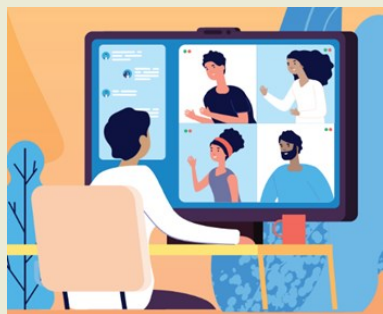
In 2021, the TCBA membership adopted 21 families and we received donations totaling \$2748.50 that were used to purchase Safeway gift cards for these 21 families.

As I said during the Holiday Luncheon, your commitment to our community sure made this holiday season a little brighter for our adopted families. Thank you, and I am so proud to be a part of this legal community.

Geoff Hulse  
Chair Adopt-A-Family Program

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**Congratulations  
to  
Devin Kohr  
for being selected as the new  
Young Lawyer Section Chair!**

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](mailto:tcba.info@gmail.com)

## **“In Re: Charles “Chuck” Lane”**

- 1. Name and year admitted to Bar.** Charles “Chuck” Lane, admitted 1995.
- 2. Areas you practice in:** Criminal Defense, Personal Injury
- 3. I became a lawyer because . . .** It runs in the family. My great-grandfather, my grandfather, my father, and my uncle were all lawyers.
- 4. The hardest part of being a lawyer is . . .** For the type of practice I have, it’s a 24/7 job.
- 5. I would give this advice to a first-year law student:** If there is an area you want to practice in – DO IT!! Don’t get stuck in a practice area you are not interested in.
- 6. Traits I admire in other attorneys:** Friendliness and being collegial to others in the profession.
- 7. If I were not practicing law, I would be . . .** TRAVELING!!
- 8. What is the first thing you will do when you retire?** TRAVEL!!!
- 9. If you could time travel, would you go to the past or the future? Why?** Definitely the future to see what we need to change in the present.
- 10. What words of wisdom would you pass on to your childhood self?** To quote the great Bobby McFerrin: “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”.
- 11. What words of wisdom would you give to a young lawyer new to the profession?** Stay in touch with your clients even after you’ve concluded your representation. Also, be timely and courteous.

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## **“In Re: Charles “Chuck” Lane” Continued**

**Brief synopsis of Chuck Lane, his personal life, his work life, and any special awards or activities.**

I have been blessed to have a wonderful family. Raising my daughter was pure joy. If I’m not on the water or at the racetrack (auto) or hiking, I’m working and that’s what makes me happy.

**Contact information (work phone and email):**

charles@lanecriminaldefense.com

360-352-8887



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to  
**Commissioner Pam Nogueira**  
for her appointment to the  
**Thurston County Superior Court!!**



**Congratulations**  
to  
**Zelena Jones**  
for being selected as the new  
**Co-chair of the**  
**Diversity and Inclusion Section!**



## Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services

**TCVLS is still recruiting for a family law attorney funded through special grants! If you know anyone interested in civil legal aid and wants flexibility in work hours --- have them send their resume to Rachael at [director@tcvls.org](mailto:director@tcvls.org).**

### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2021 VOLUNTEERS!

This is the time of year when we reflect on how lucky we are to have a strong pool of attorneys who give back to their community by donating their time to providing pro bono civil legal aid.



**Please join us in celebrating these attorneys who volunteered at our Legal Advice Clinics. Those in **BLUE** volunteered over 20 hours last year while those in **GREEN** volunteered between 10 and 20.**

Aaron Young + Alicia Young + Anne Redford-Hall + Ben Haslam + **Bill Stewart** + Bruce Conklin + Cameron Sheldon + **Charlie Gavigan** + Crystal Schlanbusch + **Cynthia Sanderson** + Denise Bousley + **Donna Cobb** + **Eleanor Bosman-Clark** + Emily Nelson + Geoff Arnold + Harriet Strasberg + Heidi Magaro + Hugh McGavick + **Hye Young Park** + **Jamie Graves-Haslam** + Jeff Damasiewicz + Joanne Moore +

**John Gray** + **John Kesler** + Jon Quittner + **Jonathan Everett** + Joy Moore + June Wepler + Karrie Young + **Kathryn Eyraud** + **Katie Krieger** + Kay Brown + Kendall Freed + **Klaudia Ochocka** + Lynn Urstadt + **Manek Mistry** + Marko Pavela + **Mary Barrett** + Mary-Anne Linden + Meha Goyal + Michael Young + **Michelle Carr** + **Natalie Roberts** + Paul Parker + **Penny Allen** + **Ronda Larson** + Russ Mikow + Ryan Bedford + Sarah Nagy + Sean Flynn + **Shaunita Felder** + Simone Prince-Eichner + Stacia Hollar + Steve Cross + Susan Dan Pallo + Tirsia Butler + **Tracie Newbins** + **Vanessa James** + Waeni Mutisya + Will Penoyar

### We couldn't have clinics without our Mentor Attorneys! Thank you to:

Amy Perlman + Chuck Szurszewski + Forrest Wagner + Kathryn Eyraud + Larry Hoffman + Melissa Denton + Patricia Morgan + Rich Adamson + Russ Mikow



### Special recognition goes to these attorneys who represented low-income individuals and families during 2021:

Angela Carlson-Whitley + Bruce Conklin + Caleb Jon Vandenbos + Chuck Szurszewski + David Sisk + Eric Carlson + Geoff Hulsey + Hannah Campbell Justice + Heidi Raedel Magaro + Holly Scott Laukkonen + Kim Thornton + Jocelyn Brown + Jon Quittner + Judy Luther + Lisa Erwin + Mary-Anne Linden + Michelle Carr + Patrick Rawnsley + Roberta Armstrong + Robina Rayamajhi + Ron Baugh-Schlossbert + Ronda Larson + Sans Gilmore + Sean Flynn

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### AND ONCE AGAIN A SPECIAL THANKS TO LARRY HOFFMAN

After ten years as a mentor at the SafePlace legal advice clinic, Larry Hoffman is “retiring” from service to this community through TCVLS at the end of December. With very few exceptions, Larry could always be counted on to be there the first Thursday of the month. His wisdom and guidance to his colleagues made a huge difference in the lives of those survivors of domestic violence who came to the clinics.

♥ THANK YOU, LARRY! ♥

**Contact Ryan to volunteer!**  
**coordinator@tcvls.org**  
**We are scheduling out three**  
**months for our legal clinics and**  
**need more attorneys!**



The TCVLS Board of Directors also said a fond farewell to three of the members --- **Geoff Hulsey, Doreen Swetkis and Geoff Arnold** (who served a full six years on the board!). Board members are vitally important volunteers who help move TCVLS’s growth and sustainability.



Another special volunteer, **Charlie Young**, helped us with the Give Local fundraising event which raised over \$5,000 for TCVLS!

**Others who volunteer:** TCVLS is blessed with these people who volunteer as administrative assistants in our office:

Bella Wiseman + Bryce Wepler + Hannah Corcoran + Kassandra (Sandra) Hendricksen + Ryan Siu + Shirin

**Bella and Sandra** have each donated well over 20 hours to TCVLS and are part of the team keeping us caught up on client calls and intakes!



- TCVLS is temporarily relocating our administrative office from the Terrace Level (basement) of the Family Support Center to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor is becoming a child care center and construction crews need access to our ceiling to install plumbing. We anticipate moving sometime in January for two months.
- Once we return to the Terrace Level, we will announce a date for resuming the option for in-person clinics. Both clients and volunteers will have the *option* of being in-person. Remote access via phone or video is the other option.
- Our spring fundraising campaign will, once again, be virtual. Please watch for a letter asking for financial support!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thurston County Bar Association
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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
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Family Law Section
Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Section
Young Lawyers Section

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I would be willing to be listed on the TCBA website as being available for Pro Bono representation.
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I would like to be added to (or remain on) TCBA's email list (to receive reminders of upcoming events, committee & section information and 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

2022 Annual dues (January-December) \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
\*Young Lawyer Annual dues \$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, whichever is later, is \$25.
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