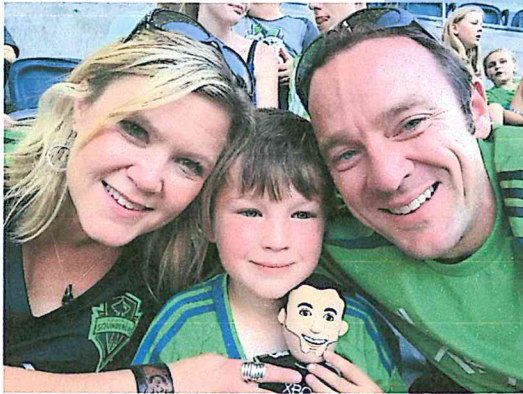


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The Newsletter of the Western Montana Bar Association



President's Message from Travis Dye:

As the leaves turn and the temperatures cool, it is time for your local bar association to come out of its summer slumber. This means a return of monthly luncheons, planning for the holiday party, and, for me, writing a monthly President's Message.

Since this is the first message of my term as President, I will start by updating you about changes to the WMBA Board of Directors and filling you in about upcoming events. Two new directors have joined the board, Meri Althaus and Adam Shaw. Meri is with Montana Legal Justice, PLLC. Adam is with the Missoula office of Brown Law Firm, PLLC. Katie Ranta and Philip "Shad" Shadwick fill the other two director positions. Gone from the board is Chris Decker who served the WMBA well during his two years as a director. We all thank him for his service to the WMBA, particularly for taking the bull by the horns and organizing the last two holiday parties.

In addition to new directors, there are new officers this year. David Steele has ascended from President to Immediate Past President where he will no doubt lament that there is no Immediate Past President's Message to write each month. Hannah Stone is the new Vice President and President-Elect where she is counting down the days until the responsibility for writing the President's Message passes to her. Beth Hayes has stepped into the role of Secretary. Last, but certainly not least, Carey Schmidt will serve another year as Treasurer-extraordinaire.

The WMBA will continue to hold luncheons the third Thursday of most months at the Governor's Room in the Florence Building. In addition to delicious food prepared by Two Sisters, prepared by Two Sisters, we'll have a speaker at each lunch that will usually earn you some CLE credit. We'll kick things off on Thursday, October 15, with Greg Munro's presentation "What Every Attorney Needs to Know about E&O Coverage." Pending State Bar approval, you'll earn .75 CLE credits and, more importantly, you'll come away knowing what to look for in those E&O policies, something we should all have but hopefully never need.

Moving into November, on the 19th, Melissa Hartigan, a staff attorney with the U.S. District Court in Missoula, will talk about upcoming changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Spoiler alert! There are some big ones.

We'll take a break from luncheons in December and will instead host the WMBA's

Don't Miss — WMBA Monthly Luncheon— Tuesday, October 15!

Greg Munro presents:

"What Every Attorney Needs to Know about E&O Coverage."

.75 CLE credits Pending approval

Please RSVP (By 10/13 at 5:00 p.m.):

rsvp@westernmtbar.com

WMBA Luncheons are the Third Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon in the Florence Building. \$15 for WMBA members; \$20 for non-members.

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annual holiday party, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 3. More details to come, but I can say this is a great time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

In 2016 (How can that be?!), Chris Carraway, a Bozeman-based attorney who works for Klarquist Sparkman, LLP, a Portland, Oregon intellectual property firm, will give an informative and entertaining talk entitled "Everything You Need to Know About IP Law through Football." His talk is scheduled for January 21. On February 18, Beth Brennan will update us on cases the Montana Supreme Court decided during 2015. In April, the WMBA will host the second annual Grace Period CLE. Details, including the date and speakers, will be announced in the near future. Our March and May luncheons are still in need of speakers, so if there is a topic that interests you or someone you think would like to hear speak, please pass your suggestions along.

As in the past, WMBA functions are open to all attorneys and other interested people, not just WMBA members. But WMBA membership nets you a discount. Dues for 2015-2016 will remain at the rock-bottom price of \$25 per attorney. The simplest way to start or renew your WMBA membership is to use the form included with this newsletter. I hope to see you on October 15. Until then, enjoy the crisp mornings, warm afternoons, and smoke-free skies!

Travis Dye is a partner at Kalkstein, Johnson & Dye. Outside of work, he enjoys playing soccer, hiking, biking and hanging out with his family. He's pictured with his wife Megan and son Ciaran taking in a Seattle Sounders game earlier this year. They're joined in the picture by Mini Clint Dempsey.

4th Judicial District seeking mediators

The Fourth Judicial District Court is soliciting information from attorneys and trained mediators (and settlement masters) for purposes of establishing a list of qualified family law mediators that will be kept by the Clerk of the District Court in accordance with Montana Code Annotated § 40-4-307.

If you would like to be included on this list, please provide a summary of your qualifications as outlined in the statute, any specialized training, and note whether you would be willing to be appointed as a mediator or settlement master on a pro bono or reduced fee basis. Please submit your information and questions to Jessica Jacobsen, Judicial Assistant, at (406) 258-4772 or jjacobsen@mt.gov

Pro Bono Update:

Thank you to the Attorneys who are currently serving the 89 active pro bono cases in Missoula and Ravalli counties this month!

Susan Miltko wins this month's special thank you gift from the Pro Bono Committee for closing a pro bono case in the month of August. Hooray Susan!

Please call the Committee to be sure we have accurate contact information and areas of interest for you, or to help with the following wait-listed cases:

26 Missoula cases: 3 mediations, 1 housing, 1 guardianship, 9 custody/parenting plans, 12 dissolutions

4 Ravalli cases: 3 custody/parenting plans, 1 dissolution

This month's highlighted client is "Jennifer" who needs some limited scope review: "Jennifer" is seeking assistance with a dissolution from her abusive spouse. She attended the WMBA's Family Law Clinic in August and the advising attorney recommended that she serve the adverse party by publication and that she have an attorney review the petition prior to filing. The Committee would like to find a pro bono attorney to assist this client with a review of her petition as well as advise and assist with service by publication.

Thank you for your continued support volunteering at our Family Law Advice Clinics on the third Wednesday of each month. Self-represented litigants receiving services at this month's legal advice clinic: 10; wait-listed: 3
Please call Alex or Angie at the committee, 406-240-3548 to volunteer!
-Meri Althausen

Check out the WMBA's
new website:

www.westernmtbar.com

Upcoming WMBA Family Law Pro Bono Clinics:

October 21, 2015

November 18, 2015

December 16, 2015

If you want to volunteer, please contact Alex Clark at coordinator.wmba.pro.bono@gmail.com or 543-8343, ext. 220

Save the Date!
WMBA
Holiday Party!
Thursday,
December 3rd!

Details coming soon!

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Membership Registration

2015-2016

The WMBA is now accepting applications and payment for the 2015-2016 membership year. The cost is \$25.00 per attorney for full membership in the WMBA from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016. Please complete the following form and return it to:

WMBA Treasurer
P.O. Box 7451
Missoula, MT 59807-7451

(Please print or type:)

Name: _____ x \$25.00

Firm: _____

Postal Address: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Additional Attorneys: *(for firm use – provide name and email address)*

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Please make your check payable to WMBA in the amount of: TOTAL \$.00

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MISSOULA COUNTY HALLOWEEN EVENTS

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Gift Basket Raffle:

October is Domestic Violence Month, 100% of the raffle proceeds will be split equally between:

1) Missoula Family Violence Council 2) Missoula Youth Homes and 3) St. Patrick Hospital's First Step Resource

Center. Drawing for the baskets will be October 29th at 3:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Rotunda (no need to be present to win). Purchase raffle ticket(s) for one or more of the gift baskets ~ just \$5.00 each (cash or checks made out to MCEC).



1. **TAILGATE PARTY BASKET!!**
2. **COFFEE/TEA BASKET!!**
3. **COOKING/BAKING BASKET!!**
4. **SPA/BEAUTY BASKET!!**
5. **FAMILY FUN BASKET!!**



6. EVERYTHING ELSE BASKET!!

We ask your assistance to help us spread the word. If there is anyone who would like to donate products or services, or to pre-purchase tickets, please contact Denise Donahue at 406-370-9716 or Dream Fishell at Partnership Health Center or

you can email us at empcouncil@co.missoula.mt.us.

Halloween Bake Sale – Oct. 29th in the Courthouse Rotunda 8:30AM-3:00PM

Stop by for a treat: fresh fruit, plus lots of goodies. If anyone would like to donate goods to this, please contact us for handling, bagging & marking instructions.

