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President's Message by Hannah Stone:

Time for Thanks

Busy calendars and busy days stack up to lives filled with deadlines, appearances and meetings. As lawyers, we are chased by trains on several tracks, jumping from one to the next to stay ahead as each rushes forward at a furious pace. The constant movement leaves us little time to pause, let alone reflect in a meaningful way on all we take for granted amongst the day to day chaos. Our bodies endure as we draft, research, revise, argue, depose, orate . . . and repeat. Trying a case is an unparalleled mental and physical workout fueled by late nights, coffee and fast eats. And through these marathons we never stop to pause and thank our feet for moving forward, because we are already on the next track.

One of my law school classmates was forced to pause her trains in February when she was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer. In the middle of opening a new law practice. At age 33. For those of you who don't know Katie Mazurek, she is a family law attorney in Bozeman with a young family. Katie has been working hard to advance collaborative law in Montana. Since being diagnosed, she's started a blog that follows her journey through diagnosis, treatment, and the path to recovery. Her posts are open, raw and moving not only because of her journey, but because of the grace

she has in inspiring others to open their eyes to everything we take for granted each and every day. In the midst of treatment she challenged her supporters to speak,



say or write three things a day for ten days that they were grateful for. The posts responding to her challenge were filled with everyday things we have but do not see amidst the endless piles of pleadings and *ping* of incoming emails.

Most mornings we wake up earlier than we want, with more on our plate than we can remember, stumble to the coffee pot and jump into our day. And then the next day. And then the next. Katie wakes up with the knowledge that each day she is winning the battle, and her body will continue to do so as she pushes through another day, another brief, another resolution. And with this simple truth she's encouraged others to take a moment and acknowledge what we take for granted from our health, or our fam-

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ilies, to the simple necessities we use each day like instant espresso, iphones or even Tylenol.

November is one of those rare months in which most of us have one week where more days are dedicated to home than the office. Thanksgiving is a time for stopping and appreciating what we have, and while things have changed from muskets and turkey to flat screens and to-

furdunken, I encourage you to take that moment and appreciate the simple things that allow us to stay on track. Because you know next week we'll be back in the trainyard, ready to race again. Happy Thangsgiving!

Katie's blog can be found at:
<https://katieovercancer.com/>

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join the WMBA this
Thursday, November 17, 2015,
for our next luncheon.**

**Tyler Gilman, the Clerk of Court for the District
of Montana, will give a presentation on "News and
Notes from the Clerk of Court."**

**Please RSVP by 5pm Tuesday
to 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS, ADVERTISING INQUIRIES:

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FOR THE

*** WMBA HOLIDAY PARTY ***

**JOIN US MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016 FROM
5:00PM TO 8:30PM AT THE LOFT.**

APPETIZERS! DRINKS! DOOR PRIZES!

COME AND BE MERRY!

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The next Courthouse CLE
is Friday December 9, 2016
from noon to 1 p.m. in
Courtroom 1.

William Boggs will present on
“Recent Developments in the
Law Relating to Plea Agree-
ments.” CLE credit will be
requested.

Free and open to all.
Questions may be directed to
Brenda Desmond
at bdesmond@mt.gov,
258-4728.

Worden Thane P.C. Welcomes Martin Rogers to the Team

We are happy to announce the addition of
Martin Rogers to the law firm of Worden Thane P.C.
Martin's practice consists of civil litigation, appeals,
and business transactions with a fondness for
business litigation and intellectual property.



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October WMBA Pro Bono Coordinator Report

Placements:

Mediation: 1

Full Rep: 5

Clients Served in October Clinics:

MLSA: 10

UMSL: 7

Clients Waiting to be Served: 36

Attorneys with Active Cases: 61

Attorneys available to take pro bono cases: 629

Closed Pro Bono Cases: 23.

Reminder!

***The IOLTA Compliance and Pro Bono
Reporting Period is now open!***

***Visit www.montanabar.org to report
online or for questions.***