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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN MONTANA BAR ASSOCIATION

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Board of Director's Message by Travis Dye:

Seasons greetings

It seems like not long ago we were packing up the Christmas decorations for the year with longer days and spring and summer ahead of us. Those days are now behind us and we are once again steamrolling into the holiday season. Though the holidays come around at the same time every year without fail, I always get caught off guard. Thanksgiving in two weeks?!?! Yikes!

Ready or not, it's November. I certainly don't want to break with tradition, so I'll use this month's message for reflection and to offer up some things we have to be thankful for. First and foremost in my mind, we get to live in the most beautiful part of Montana. Last summer's fires notwithstanding, I feel pretty darn lucky to live among the mountains where commutes are measured in minutes rather than hours, crowds are small, and an escape from those "crowds" is a short run, hike or bike ride away. Really, we have it pretty darn good.

Professionally, I can't emphasize enough how fortunate we are to practice where we do. And not just locally, but statewide. I recently spoke with an out-of-state lawyer who appears in cases throughout the nation and she told numerous stories about the gamesmanship, invective, and downright jackassery that passes for prac-

ticing law in other jurisdictions. That's not to say all out-of-state lawyers are bad or all other states have awful bars. They're not and they don't. But there's something nice about having a small bar where lawyers in Missoula know lawyers in Billings who know lawyers in Hamilton who know lawyers in Great Falls. Most of us recognize that our reputations—good or bad—are earned quickly and can stay with us a long time. That tends to lower the temperature in a stressful and competitive profession.

I've hit thankful, so how about reflection? Time. As I mentioned at the beginning, this time of year always catches me off guard and I feel like it flies by in a whirlwind with me standing on the other side thinking, "What the hell just happened?!" I had a chance to



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think about this on a long trip home from Billings last week while listening to the podcast S-Town. (If you haven't listened, it's a good one!). During one of the episodes, there was talk about sundials and that many had mottos. One mentioned specifically was "Omnes vulnerant, ultima necat," or "All hours wound; the last one kills." Life is short. We don't know which hour will be our last. So I'm going to work hard to live in the moment during this holiday season so at the end, rather than "What the hell happened?", I'm thinking "That was a great time!" Or, to quote another sundial motto, "Vivere memento" "Remember to live."

Speaking of living, please join us for our annual Holiday Party, which will be on Monday, December 18, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Loft. As always, we'll have food, beverages, door prizes, and good company. Hope to see you there!

Oh, about that picture. My wife is a big Halloween fan, which usually means elaborate costumes that she spends weeks creating. I have great costume ideas in March, but absolutely fail in execution, which means I'm usually pulling something together last minute. The picture captures this year's two-minute masterpiece. What's it supposed to be, you ask? Still trying to figure that one out. But I figured a little humor with the ol' WMBA newsletter is never a bad thing.

Travis Dye earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Montana School of Law. He is a Partner at Kalkstein, Johnson & Dye, and was recently recognized for his pro bono service as a recipient of the Neil Haight award by the State Bar of Montana. Travis and his wife, Megan Ashton, enjoy spending time outdoors and adventuring with their son, Ciaran.

Join the WMBA this Thursday, November 16, 2017, for our next luncheon.

MLSA Litigation Director Michael Black and MLSA Victim Rights Attorney Heidi Sanders will give a presentation on "The Demise of Marsy's Law: Constitutional Initiatives and the Status of Victim Rights"

**Please RSVP by 5pm Tuesday
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.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

*** WMBA HOLIDAY PARTY ***

JOIN US MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017 FROM 5:00PM
TO 8:00PM AT THE LOFT.

APPETIZERS! DRINKS! DOOR PRIZES!

COME AND BE MERRY!

* LOCATION SPONSORED BY ALPINE PHYSICAL THERAPY, MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN PRIZES.

Request for comments from 4th Judicial Dist. Judges

The court heard discussion at a recent judge's meeting from attorneys in complex civil litigation who disliked the practice of mandatory settlement conferences, and is considering implementing this change to the local practice by eliminating this requirement. The Judges will be considering this change at their December meeting. The Court is asking for comments, which can be directed to: ktownsend@mt.gov

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear friends in the Western Montana Bar,

I hope that you can join University of Montana students, law faculty, and other local attorneys for drinks and hors d'oeuvres on Friday, November 17, 2017 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Alexander Blewett III School of Law.

This reception will follow a panel discussion at 4:00 p.m. for UM students interested in attending law school. My hope is to introduce and connect undergraduate students interested in the study of law with attorneys in our community.

For questions, please contact me at sarah.pepe@mso.umt.edu

Hope to see you there!

Warm Regards,

-Sarah Pepe
Director of Admissions
Alexander Blewett III School of Law
University of Montana

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAW & MOTION CALENDAR - DEPT. 1

HONORABLE LESLIE HALLIGAN PRESIDING

Time	Mon	Tues	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday
8:30 a.m.			Closed Cases (Adoption, etc.)		
9:00 a.m.			Dependency cases (Youth in Need of Care)		
10:30 a.m.			Juvenile cases		
11:00 a.m.			Civil Cases Limited hearings and scheduling conferences in contested and uncontested: probate, dissolution, parenting, and civil cases.		
1:00 p.m.			Closed Cases (Involuntary Commitment, etc.)		
1:30 p.m.			Criminal video appearances		
2:00 p.m.			Criminal cases		
3:00 p.m.			Criminal sentencings and in-custody, in-person criminal appearances		
3:30 p.m.			Contested hearings Civil or Criminal		

**** CHANGES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 6, 2017**

Calendar will be reviewed after 60 days for any adjustments to times.

WESTERN MONTANA BAR ASSOCIATION



MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2017-2018

The WMBA is now accepting applications and payment for the 2017-2018 membership year. The cost is \$25.00 per attorney for full membership in the WMBA from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. Please complete the following form and return it to:

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

(Please print or type:)

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

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