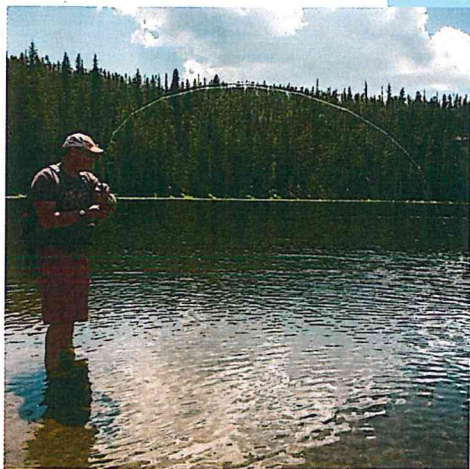


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The Newsletter of the Western Montana Bar Association



Board of Director's Message from Carey Schmidt:

"It's not me, it's you."

This has been a stressful month. First, there are taxes. Second, I've been taxed with the job of writing the newsletter. To add to that, we have the matter of WMBA elections. Please come to the meeting and let your voice be heard. Why, you ask?

The WMBA exists to serve its members – hey, that's you! As lawyers we are constantly serving others. Lawyers take on the stress of their clients, and often the stress of having no room to be wrong. Often we are called to act only when things have gone critically wrong and we have to step in and make the best out of a bad situation. This – shockingly – can lead to stress. We all handle this differently. If you are lucky, you handle stress by preparation. Others, take a week off in Mexico.

On your next fight, consider what the Flight Attendant tells you about handling stress – put your own oxygen mask on before the kid next to you. To be an effective helper, we have to take care of ourselves. So, yes, prepare. But also take time to go to the gym. Be flexible with your schedule, go to Yoga. Do you. And let the WMBA help by telling us what we can do to help you.

The WMBA is charged with serving the lawyers in our geographic community. The WMBA needs to know what you, our members, want from us. So, I'll ask. What do you need? What would help make your life easier? I'm a pretty simple guy. Here's my list:

Cheap lunch.

Nearly free CLEs

A chance to commiserate with colleagues.

A chance to shake hands with my legal foes.

I'd like to hear from you what you need to learn about?

What would make you show up and pay \$25 to be a member and \$15 for a decent hot meal. What can the WMBA do to help with your wellbeing? Exercise isn't dodging deadlines, jumping to conclusions and pushing back scheduling orders. It is not easy to break away from the critical work we are all doing. But let's do it.

**Don't Miss — WMBA
March Luncheon and
CLE—Thursday, April
19!**

**Healthy Living
and Lawyer Well
-Being**

With Paul Ryan

(1 CLE credit pending)

Please RSVP by Tuesday,
4/17 at 5:00 p.m.:
rsvp@westernmtbar.com

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

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If you see me at the meeting, I'd like to know what the WMBA can do for you. The monthly lunches are a great way to connect with people who understand you. Talk to your fellow lawyers about what they do to reduce stress and be well. Along those lines, I'll see you in May, I'm off to Mexico for a little R&R with the family.

Carey Schmidt is the Wmba treasurer and is a solo practitioner with world headquarters in Missoula, Montana. He practices insurance defense for 10 years before forming his own firm. Carey has experience with both defense and plaintiff's work.

Worden Thane P.C. welcomes
Joel Henry to the team.



JOEL HENRY

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In the spirit of creating opportunities and advancement for the Missoula community and surrounding areas while looking toward a positive future, we are excited to welcome Joel Henry, Ph.D. to the Worden Thane team. Joel will be a valuable addition to Worden Thane and a vital resource to the community and state with his cutting edge knowledge of technology and the law that surrounds it.



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May 21-25, 2018

This program is recommended for any lawyer wishing to improve skills with witnesses and courtroom argument whether in trial, deposition, or hearing.

Approximately 30 CLE credits, 1 ethics (pending).

Registration: umt.edu/law-ata

Worden Thane P.C. welcomes Brand Boyar to the team.



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ESTATE PLANNING,
PROBATE, COMMERCIAL
TRANSACTIONS, TAX EXEMPT
ORGANIZATIONS AND ESTATE
AND TRUST LITIGATION

Worden Thane P.C. is excited to welcome Brand Boyar to the team. Brand will be serving both the Missoula and Helena communities in the areas of Estate Planning, Probate, Commercial Transactions, Estate and Trust Litigation, and Tax Exempt Organization Law.



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Pro Bono Update:

Placements since 3/1/18: 2

Clinic clients served: 19

Clients awaiting placement: 1

Clinic clients scheduled for 4/21: 12

Cases closed since 3/1/18: 3

Attorneys with active cases: 24

Upcoming WMBA

Family Law Pro

Bono Clinics:


April 18, 2018

May 2, 2018

If you want to volunteer, please contact Gina Zobenica at coordinator.wmba.pro.bono@gmail.com or 543-8343, ext. 207

Upcoming WMBA elections!

Join us Thursday, May 17—Judge Dana Christensen will present, and the WMBA will hold its elections.



The Western Montana Bar Association (“WMBA”) periodically emails attorneys and other interested parties regarding upcoming events. To balance providing notice of relevant events while at the same time avoiding clogging our members inboxes, effective October 15, 2016, the WMBA will send email announcements to its members for non-WMBA events on the first and third Monday of each month (if requested), and only for events that are not for profit and that promote the mission of the WMBA as approved by the Board. These announcements can also be included in the WMBA’s monthly newsletter. For all other events, ad space can be purchased in the WMBA’s monthly newsletter. If you are not receiving announcements, please contact: president@westernmtbar.com. If you would like to inquire about purchasing ad space in the WMBA’s newsletter, please contact: secretary@westernmtbar.com.

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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:)

Name: _____ x \$25.00

Firm: _____

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Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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

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