



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A lot has changed since March of 2020. The way we have lived our lives has been put on hold. Consequently, we had to adapt to a new, unknown, and often scary reality. Change is often uncomfortable and I know many of us lawyers have had to find new ways to do our jobs. Although we have experienced many growing pains and bumps along the way during the past year and a half, I would like to applaud all of us working in the legal field for finding a way to get the job done in uncertain times. Everyone from attorneys, to paralegals, to judges, and court staff have stepped up in a way that makes me proud to work in this field. I would like to thank everyone for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. I, like everyone else, am looking forward to a time when things can go back to normal. But, until then, the Washington County Bar Association is adapting to the new normal.

For those who don't know me, I am an attorney at Ridehalgh & Associates in Hillsboro. I practice primarily criminal defense, but my practice areas also include juvenile dependency and family law. My hope is that through my term as president we can continue to adapt to our new normal, but also transition back to our previous normal as well.

Our monthly CLE/dinner has been a tradition for many years, allowing our members a chance to take care of their continuing legal education requirements, while also socializing and networking with other Washington County attorneys. We hope to be able to return to the in-person format at some point soon. Until then, we will be offering monthly virtual CLE presentations through Zoom. We put on three virtual CLE presentations in the spring and they were very well attended. Our plan for the rest of 2021 and into 2022 is to continue providing our members with high quality CLE presentations, including those that fulfill specific Oregon State Bar requirements, and those tailored to specific practice areas. Although we lose the social aspect of the in-person CLE meetings, the virtual presentations allow our members to participate from

## COMING EVENTS

- October CLE - Abuse Reporting
- November CLE - Veterans Law
- January CLE - TBD

## WCBA CONTACTS

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home or from their offices. The plan is to also offer recordings of the CLE presentations for purchase on our website in the future.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we had to cancel the 2020 and 2021 Summer Socials and the 2020 Winter Social. Those events are important in that they allow our members to get together on a larger scale. Traditionally, the Winter Social includes a toy drive to help children in need in our community. In 2020, we still held a very successful toy drive. We hope to have a Winter Social this year, but that will depend on factors outside of our control. Regardless, we will still hold a toy drive as children need help more than ever right now.

In early 2021, we put on a virtual trivia competition with the help of the Campaign for Equal Justice. I can confidently speak for everyone who participated in saying that the event was a blast. Our hope is that we can put on another similar event over the next year. We raised a good amount of money for a good cause while also trying to outsmart each other.

Along those same lines, we hope to have a Summer Social in June of 2022. That event is outdoors and with time passing I feel more confident that event will occur. Like the toy drive at the Winter Social, our members greatly contributed to the school supply drive that accompanied the Summer Social. The 2021 school supply drive helped many children in need, for which I thank our generous members! I hope we can collect even more at next year's Summer Social.

Before I sign off, I would like to welcome our new board members, Pendrey Trammell, Shannon Powell, and Sara Kearsley. All of our new board members have already demonstrated their commitment to the Washington County legal community.

As our members look forward to our continually changing legal practice during the pandemic, my hope is that the Washington County Bar Association can assist you in some way. If anyone has any ideas or simply wants to talk with the members of the board, please do not hesitate to contact us. Also keep in mind that this is an incredibly difficult time for new lawyers to enter our field and meet their new colleagues. Kindness is free, and taking the time to speak with a new lawyer can have a great impact.

As always, be good to each other, and let us know if there is something we can do to help. That's why we're here.

Tyler Beach  
WCBA President



WCBA President Ralph Gzik presents Judge Fun with the 2021 WCBA Professionalism Award.



WCBA President Ralph Gzik recognizes Mindy Stannard's years of service to the WCBA.



WCBA incoming President Tyler Beach recognizes Ralph Gzik's years of service to the WCBA and his tenure as President.

## COURT STAFF RECOGNIZED WITH WCBA PRESIDENT'S AWARD AND CUPCAKES



On June 24th court staff gathered in the south lawn to be recognized for their outstanding performance during the challenging pandemic, and for cupcakes from Big Kid Cupcakes.



Outgoing President Ralph Gzik presented the President's Award. Chief Judge Beth Roberts and Trial Court Administrator Richard Moellmer accepted for the staff and added their appreciation for staff efforts during the pandemic.



## CLASSIFIEDS

### Washington County Juvenile Hearings Referee

Washington County Circuit Court seeks well qualified attorneys. Applications accepted until midnight, October 11, 2021.

[Internal candidates link](#) (including temporary status employees); [External candidates link](#).

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## WCBA DONATES SUPPLIES TO LOCAL SCHOOL

By Tyler Beach



The recent Washington County Bar Association school supplies drive was a major success. As a professional organization, it is important to give back to the community and help those in need. This year we chose to donate school supplies to the

Forest Grove School District. The school district was extremely thankful for our donations. Our members stepped up and we were able to greatly assist children and teachers in our community. We want to give a special thanks to the Washington County District Attorney's Office and Juvenile Department for their work and donations. Thank you to everyone who donated and we hope to do this again next year at our Summer Social.



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## GETTING TO KNOW THE BAR – AMANDA ALVAREZ THIBEAULT, LLC

By Shannon Powell

Amanda Alvarez Thibeault, LLC is owned and managed by the amazing Amanda Alvarez Thibeault. She hung her shingle in 2018 and at the same time joined the Oregon Defense Attorney's Consortium (ODAC). She has chosen court appointed work because she felt it was the only/best way to get the widest breadth of experience, widest breadth of issues, and the widest breadth of clients. The challenge of constant change and unpleasant odds was something that she welcomed and has excelled at handling. This writer finds it comical that her favorite quote is "The suspense is terrible.... I hope it lasts." From Willy Wonka... because that pretty much encapsulates court appointed work in a nutshell.

Ms. Alvarez Thibeault's favorite part of the job is assessing and handling peculiar, uncanny and difficult legal issues. Ms. Alvarez Thibeault has streamlined her practice in order to maximize her time for her clients and allow for the opportunity to make it home for dinner with her husband, Brandon, and daughter, Little Miss Awesomesauce-aka Celeste.

Sometimes Ms. Alvarez Thibeault is losing herself in complex legal issues. Sometimes she is reminiscing about dressing up as Marcia Clark for Halloween when she was only five years old. But come what may, one thing is for sure, Ms. Alvarez Thibeault always maintains a "trial ready" attitude and willingness to help those around her.

## LOCAL BAR UPDATES

Ralph and Curlyn Gzik welcomed Colton Edward Gzik on August 7. Colton weighed in at 5lbs 9oz, and 17 & 3/4 inches in length.



We want to know what you are up to! Send announcements and changes, professional or personal, to [newsletter@wcbabar.org](mailto:newsletter@wcbabar.org).

## LAW LIBRARY TO OFFER EBOOKS VIA LEXIS

By Washington County Law Library

The Washington County Law Library will offer 16 eBook titles from Lexis and the American Bar Association starting sometime in October. The complete list will be included on the Law Library's website, but includes *Oregon Evidence* by Kirkpatrick; *Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure Annotated*; *Employment in Oregon*; *Trial: A Guide from Start to Finish*; *Infectious Disease Litigation: Science, Law & Procedure*; and *The ABA Spanish Legal Phrasebook*.

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the State Library of Oregon.

### Seeking Topical Speakers

The Law Library is planning to offer a series of subject presentations for non-lawyers to help them answer the question "now what?" in relation to their legal needs. We are looking for attorneys to provide short - roughly 60 minutes - presentations on these topics. The presentations will be virtual for now. Topics that may be of interest include, but are by no means limited to, family law, estate planning, discovery, collecting judgments, probate, guardianships/conservatorships, and mediation/arbitration. If you have any interest in participating in these programs please contact the Law Library.

### Legislative History and Appellate Briefs



The Law Library's collection of Oregon legislative history materials and Oregon appellate briefs is now accessible in-house. The Library Foundation of Washington County, Oregon funded the purchase of a new-to-us digital microfilm reader.

This means patrons can use our microfilm collection in the Law Library, and can get assistance from staff. Documents can be downloaded or emailed. The legislative history documents span 1971 to 1995, and the appellate briefs cover 1961 to 2005 (Supreme Court briefs start in 1977).

### After Hours Access

The Law Library has resumed after hours access for attorneys. Any member of the Oregon State Bar can apply for access through the Trial Court Administrator's office. This allows the attorney to use the Law Library's print collection or Lexis and Westlaw terminals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The [Washington County Law Library](#) is a free legal research resource for all. Contact: (503) 846-8880, or [lawlibrary@co.washington.or.us](mailto:lawlibrary@co.washington.or.us).

## WASHINGTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HONORS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

By Washington County DA's Office

This October, the Washington County District Attorney's Office is working with our law enforcement and community partners to honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic violence knows no boundaries. It affects a wide range of community members regardless of race, socio-economic status, age, or sexual orientation. It's a problem that impacts us all and one we all need to work towards solving. Additionally, domestic violence calls are amongst the most dangerous calls law enforcement respond to. That's why it's so important to support survivors and hold offenders accountable.

This office has been a staunch supporter of the [Family Justice Center of Washington County](#) (FJC). District Attorney Kevin Barton serves as a board member for the community organization. Designed to offer all the services a victim of domestic violence needs in one safe, secure location, the FJC has been an invaluable resource for those in a dangerous situation.

Child abuse is also a top concern. The numbers have shown us that in homes where domestic violence is present, child abuse is often occurring as well. DA Barton has also supported [CARES Northwest](#), Oregon's oldest and largest child advocacy center. Working with the FJC, DA Barton recently announced the creation of the new "Family Peace Center" (FPC). The FPC will bring CARES Northwest and the FJC together all under one roof to better serve residents of Washington County. When complete, this new entity will be Oregon's first and only co-located child abuse and domestic violence facility.

The [Domestic Violence Resource Center](#) (DVRC) is also a key partner in this effort. A crisis services provider with the goal of educating, supporting and empowering survivors of domestic violence and their children, DVRC currently operates in the Family Justice Center and will continue to operate in the new Family Peace Center.

"Providing these essential services for the most vulnerable members of our community in an easy-to-access location makes good sense," said District Attorney Kevin Barton. "I see this effort as a form of criminal justice reform that has the potential to produce a generational change. Put simply, the more resources we provide to young people who have experienced trauma, the less we will need to rely on our criminal justice system when they become adults."

We encourage community members to join us in supporting domestic violence victims throughout October. For more information, please [visit our website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#).

## INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS OF THE WCBA BOARD

### SARA KEARSLEY



Tell us about where you work?

I am an associate with McKean & Knaupp Attorneys, LLC in Hillsboro. It's been just over nine years since I started here-the firm has reorganized and changed names a few times in that time, but I have been more than happy to stay. My primary focuses are estate planning, probate and trust administration, and protective proceedings. I really enjoy meeting with individuals or couples and hearing about their families and goals for estate planning. And to be able to help clients work through probate matters-either when a family member is in need or at the death of a family member or friend is fulfilling work.

When did you first get involved with the WCBA?

I believe my first WCBA event was when I just began work here in Hillsboro and I very much enjoyed it. It took a few more years before I began to attend events a little more regularly and then I joined the Washington County Law Library Committee about 4 years ago.

Do you have any favorite things about Washington County?

I really enjoy the rural areas of Washington County. I take my dog Thor for morning walks out past a couple of local farms-just beautiful all times of the year. I also feel very lucky to have fresh, local produce available at farm stands, the farmers' market and definitely the U-pick berry farms!

What are you looking forward to in Fall/Winter?

I think fall is the best time of the year and am so happy that sweater weather has finally returned. I look forward to rainy evenings wrapped up in my blanket with a good book and a mug of hot chocolate. I grew up in eastern Idaho and every year get very jealous of family and friends back in Idaho sharing all their pictures of the snow. So I really, really hope for snow this winter, at least a few days; a white Christmas would be amazing! But I am mostly looking forward to having my two children, Pierce and Anne (who are currently out adulting and doing great things) home for the holidays.



### SHANNON POWELL



Hello Fellow Washington County Bar Association members and readers, Shannon Powell here to tell you a little bit about myself. I recently, as in March of 2021, opened my own law practice-Powell Law, P.C. before that I worked with Ryan Corbridge and was many things

there from volunteer to CLS to attorney. I have been practicing since 2015 and I remember that simply because my bar card begins with a 15. My law firm currently deals, for the majority, in criminal defense, and I take both private retained as well as court appointed work here in Washington County.

People often ask me why I got into criminal defense as a profession, and I find that the older I get the more understandable this question becomes. I tell most people this: everyone deserves to have the best representation available to them. I feel that often those that are labeled "criminals" have underlying conditions that led them to the situation they are in and too many times in society we ignore the underlying condition and only deal with the symptom. Like a "you kept taking Tylenol for the pain but didn't go to the Doctor for your broken arm" scenario. My goal is to help as many people as I can navigate the complicated legal situation they are in as well as try and find out what the instigating factors are that got them here in the first place.

I joined the Board because I have been a member of the Washington County Bar since I have been licensed to practice but I felt I hadn't done as much as I should. I also genuinely like to give back and help so I thought since I am starting a new practice and starting a new way to practice (ODAC) why not throw in a third thing and start to give back to the community of lawyers that have helped me time and time again.

In my free time-which is??- I chase my two young sons around the house, get outside as much as possible and cheer on all my Ohio sports teams-and the Blazers and Timbers. I look forward to working with WCBA and to getting to know the attorneys I don't know and the ones I do know a little better. God Speed in this Covid Nightmare and Go Bucks!

Not yet a member?  
  
**JOIN TODAY!**

## PENDREY TRAMMELL



*Tell us about where you work?*

I work at the Washington County District Attorney's Office as a Deputy DA on our felony unit. I have been a Deputy DA for two years, however I began my time with the office as a 2L law clerk and stayed here as a Certified Law Student my third year. I spent time on our Domestic Violence team prosecuting those cases for a little over a year prior to moving to the felony unit. I work with some really fantastic people, and I love the work we do supporting our community and upholding public safety.

*When did you first get involved with the WCBA?*

I got involved with the Washington County Bar Association a few months ago as a way to get more involved with our local legal community. It is fun being a part of planning CLEs and various fundraisers for our county while getting to meet with other lawyers I don't usually get to see.

*Do you have any favorite things about Washington County?*

I enjoy our local restaurants and coffee shops! We have such a variety of places to go in Washington County, and it's fun to be within walking distance of many of them. I'm also a big plant person, so I can often be found scouting out which new houseplants are in stock. My dog, Mellie, and I usually take advantage of all the walking paths on the weekends as well.

*What are you looking forward to in Fall/Winter?*

Shockingly, I'm mostly looking forward to the change in the weather! I like our crisp, Fall days and the change in the color of the trees. This time of year you can usually find me trying new fall baking recipes that often involve a lot of maple and cinnamon.



## STILL TIME TO SUPPORT THE LAW LIBRARY & WCCLS

The Library Foundation of Washington County (LFWC) invites you to An Evening with Kevin Carroll, author of A Kids Book About BELONGING. Friday, October 8, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at The Vault Theater, 350 E Main Street, Hillsboro, OR. Funds raised benefit the Washington County Law Library, and Washington County Cooperative Library Services. Tickets can be purchased through October 7th.

In-Person tickets are \$100 each and Streaming Passes are \$25 each. In-Person attendees will enjoy desserts from Decadent Creations and wine from Stoller Family Vineyard, as well as receive a copy of Kevin's book. For the safety of guests we have a spacious venue, and will require proof of vaccination and masks. In addition to live-streaming, the video recording will be available to ticket purchasers for one month after the event.

Thanks to generous sponsors, including but not limited to, Peterson Walchli LLP, Harris Velazques Gibbons, and Brisbee & Stockton LLC, the ticket prices are 100% tax deductible.

To purchase In-Person or Streaming Pass tickets or learn more about the event visit: [fwcoregon.org/upcoming-event](http://fwcoregon.org/upcoming-event).

In addition, donations to the LFWC qualify as matching donations for the Oregon Cultural Trust's unique Oregon State Tax Credit Program. For details visit [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org).



## FROM THE ARCHIVE

### IN HONOR OF JUDGE FUN'S RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH

4 Washington County Bar Association Newsletter

November/December 2006

## Honorable Jim L. Fun

By Dawn LaGrone

Judge Fun grew up in rural Rock Springs, Wyoming. He knew in high school that he wanted to be a lawyer, although never a District Attorney or a Judge. After high school, he entered the University of Wyoming in 1979, graduating with his degree in 1983. Judge Fun knew he wanted to move someplace a little more urban than Wyoming and he began to set his sights west. He traveled to Oregon and decided to attend law school at Willamette University College of Law.

Having never considered criminal law or the District Attorney's Office, Judge Fun started his legal career in insurance defense with Joe Rieke, but the call of the courtroom rang out to him. In 1990 he joined the Washington County District Attorney's Office. Judge Fun spent the next several years in Juvenile Court and later prosecuting child abuse cases. For the last five years he was a senior District Attorney. After sixteen years as a District Attorney, Judge Fun was looking forward to a new challenge. For Judge Fun, the bench was now calling. It was now time for Judge Fun to again challenge himself personally as well as professionally. It was time to become a Judge and in September of 2006, he did just that.

Looking around his office, I noticed the pictures of his beautiful daughter. Judge Fun was quick to tell me of his promise to his daughter to never just drop her off at her desired activities, but to stay and be involved in what was

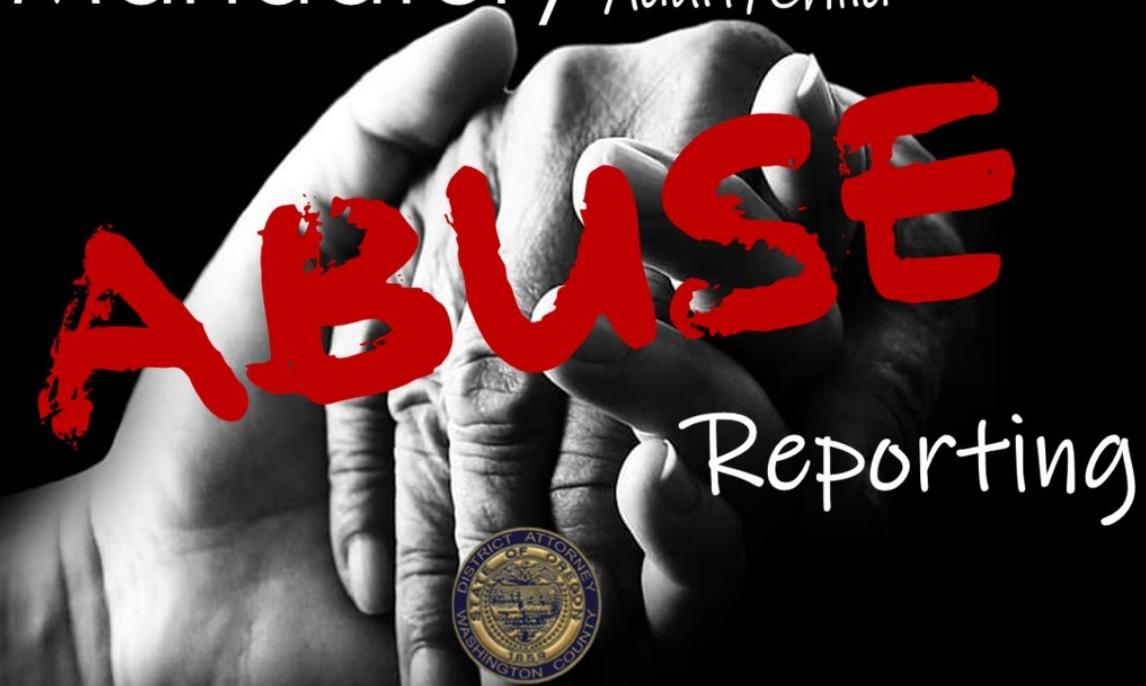
important to her. He doesn't use this time to run errands; this is his time with his daughter. Judge Fun's free time is family time. He and his wife have been married for fifteen years after dating for four years. Marriage became an option only after they had stable jobs. Stable they are: his wife has been a dental hygienist for almost twenty years for Kaiser. Judge Fun and his wife together see that their daughter has it all, including time with her parents without interference.

Judge Fun reminds the legal community to always be grateful that people trust the legal system and come to the system to resolve their problems. They hire lawyers, commit to the court process, and accept the outcome. It is apparent that Judge Fun brings his values as a father and husband to his courtroom. He promises to have an open heart and just mind, but also the thick skin needed to do the job. Judge Fun welcomes the challenge of his position in Juvenile Court. In Juvenile Court, he understands that the judges are required to be active from the bench. The statutes require that the judges stay with the case and reach in to help the family before the court. There are few places in our legal system that a judge has the authority and the obligation to truly motivate people to get better and the means to follow up. Judge Fun is grateful to the community for trusting him to be the final gatekeeper for the most precious of all relationships, the relationship of parent to child.



*Continuing Legal Education (CLE)*

# Mandatory Adult/Child



# ABUSE Reporting

By Allison Brown - Senior Deputy District Attorney

October 20, 2021  
5:00 - 6:00 pm

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Zoom Webinar - \$10 members, \$15 non-members  
Link will be provided a few days prior to event.

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## **WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 2021-2022 DUES**

The WCBA is a local association of lawyers serving Washington County practitioners. It provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and for local bar members to voice their views on matters of importance to their everyday practice. Consider the benefits of low-cost membership. You will receive the WCBA Newsletter which keeps you informed (and sometimes entertained) on updated information from Washington County Judges, various bar committees, monthly CLE Programs, social dinners & activities, the law library, etc. The Newsletter is also an excellent and inexpensive place for advertising and classifieds.

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