SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Calendar Call

AUGUST 13, 2024

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Current memberships expire on August 31, 2024. The 2024-2025 membership year starts September 1, 2024, which means it's time to renew your Membership, Courthouse Badge, CLE Passport, Lawyer Referral Service panel membership and donate to your favorite program.

Courthouse Security badges and Document Services are a couple of our more popular services

Courthouse Security Badges - The Courthouse Security Badges allow you to bypass security when entering the Spokane County Courthouse. Badges are available to members at $75 per year and nonmembers at $150 per year. Those that can acquire a badge through the SCBA are licensed attorneys, licensed LLLTs, Rule 9/Rule 6 clerks and SCBA Registered Paralegals. *Current courthouse badges will expire on September 30, 2024, if not renewed before this date*.

Document Services - Another of our more popular services are document services. Many of you have had a copier account at the Bar office for year, but in recent years we've added the ability to e-mail documents to you that we download from the Spokane County Superior Court (SCOMIS) and Spokane County District Courts. In addition, you can e-mail documents to be printed for pickup by your attorney. The latest addition to our document services is deliverying documents, bench copies, etc to Superior Court and even filing documents. For more information, view the advertisement at right----------->.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

13 VLP & Mujeres in Action Clinic
15 YLD Monthly Meeting

September

2 Labor Day (County Courthouse Closed)
6 VLP Champions of Justice Breakfast

Dates & events listed herein subject to change

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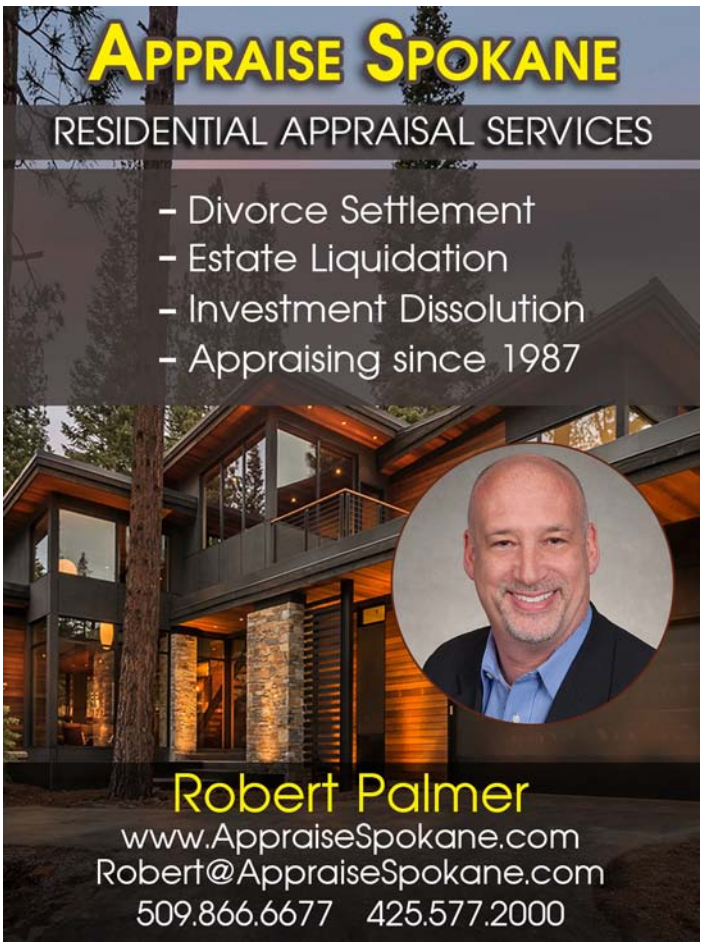

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Thursday, August 15, 2024
at 5:30 PM.

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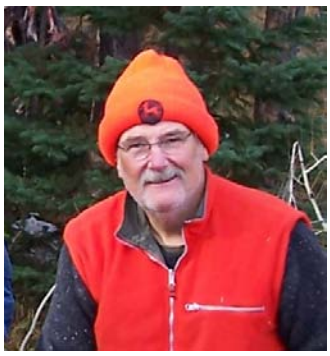

Champions of Justice Breakfast

Guest Speakers:

Judge Rachelle Anderson and Rick Clark, Founder and Executive Director of Giving Back Spokane

September 6, 2024

7:30-8:30 AM

(Doors open at 7 AM)

The Ruby River Hotel
700 N Division St.
Spokane, WA 99202

Register now at: https://www.spokanebar.org/events-calendar/

Help Us Champion Justice:
Join Us at the 2024 Champions of Justice Breakfast

Imagine a parent struggling to find a way to protect and provide for their child, only to face an overwhelming legal system with no clear path forward. Picture a relative who dreams of securing custody of a loved one but is stymied by complex legal hurdles. Consider the pain of a couple enduring the emotional toll of a divorce, or a renter fighting to reclaim their savings from unjust fees. These are not just scenarios—they are real challenges faced by our community every day.

The SCBAVLP (Spokane County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Program) is here to bridge the gap, offering crucial legal support to those who would otherwise be left in the dark.
We cannot do it alone. We need your help to make a difference.

Why Your Involvement Matters

By supporting the SCBAVLP, you are investing in justice. You are giving individuals and families the tools they need to overcome their legal challenges and rebuild their lives. Your contribution will be a lifeline to those who feel lost and alone.
Join us at the 2024 Champions of Justice Breakfast.
Be part of a community that stands up for justice and equality. Together, we can alleviate the stress of the legal process and offer guidance when it's needed most.
The SCBAVLP is only as strong as the compassionate individuals who stand behind it. Your support can make a world of difference.

Your involvement is crucial. The SCBAVLP is calling on dedicated professionals like you to step up and offer your support. Let's make sure that no one in our community has to face their legal struggles alone. Together, we can champion justice for all.

Reserve Your Spot and Donate Today
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SPOKANE VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM
PROVIDING ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES

The SCBA Volunteer Lawyers Program needs you!

If you are an attorney or a Limited License Legal Technician the VLP needs your expertise.

Access to Justice Can Be a Beacon of Hope

Imagine standing alone in the dark, your future uncertain and your heart heavy with fear. This is the reality for many individuals navigating a complex and often overwhelming legal system. They feel lost, scared, and without a clear path forward. Yet, in these moments of despair, a beacon of hope can make all the difference.

Whether you specialize in family law, tenant rights, or any other field, your knowledge can transform lives. Your guidance can offer relief to a parent in need, clarity to a renter, and hope to those navigating their legal battles. The SCBAVLP provides the malpractice while you earn CLE credits—all while offering your time and expertise to those in dire need.

VLP Legal Clinics

Latinos En Spokane – Legal Clinic
Date: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
Time: 5-7 PM
Location: Latinos En Spokane Community Space– 1514 N Monroe St.
Legal Matters: Evictions, consumer issues, Family law (divorce, parenting plans, child support, minor guardianship, and non-parental custody and modifications), and other miscellaneous legal matters that you are able to provide assistance with.
Details: The Legal Clinic at Latinos en Spokane is a unique event that assists an underserved community here in Spokane. With the benefit of translation assistance from the venue, volunteers at the clinic have an opportunity to directly serve those who are unable to access legal aid. If you can assist, please reach out to let us know!

Mujeres in Action – Legal Clinic
When: Bimonthly: Tuesday August 13
Time: 4:30-6:30 PM
Legal Matter: Family Law
What: Our bi-monthly clinics with Mujeres in Action (MIA). MIA extends several services to their clientele, dedicated to serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence from the Latine communities. This will be a sign-up only clinic with private rooms to speak with clients.
Where: Mujeres in Action – 318 E Rowan Ave., Suite 208

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Consumer Assistance Project
When: Every Friday morning
Time: 10 AM
Location: Spokane District Court (721 N Jefferson Ave.)- Judge Biviano's Courtroom (203).
Legal Matters: civil motions such as debt collections, rental damages, etc.
Details: These Friday CAP dockets grant pro-se parties the opportunities to speak with an attorney before going in front of the judge. CAP provides those who would otherwise go without legal assistance, the ability to understand their legal matters and how to proceed forward with their case. This is a great opportunity to gain experience, work alongside, and learn from our seasoned CAP volunteers.

Family Law Status Conference
When: Every Thursday morning
Time: 8:30 AM
Location: Superior Courthouse Courtrooms: Judge Beggs (305) and Judge Polin (307)
Legal Matter: Family Law
Details: You are welcome to attend and shadow an attorney. You are not expected to stay the whole time. These Thursday Status Conferences give people coming into court a unique opportunity to have their filings reviewed and family law questions answered. Status conferences not only provide the chance to serve those who would otherwise go without legal assistance, but it is also a great opportunity to gain experience. It is a great way to understand the process and resources we use. Thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer your time and services. You are making a positive difference gaining access to justice!

COURT VISITOR TRAINING

(PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM)
(does not apply to guardianships for Minors)

Helping those that might need help.

A court visitor is an individual who is appointed by the court to inform the court about an individual's best interests for a specific purpose for a specific period of time. This two-day training program prepares you to apply to the program and begin serving our community. Both days of training are required for new registry applicants. Only day 2 is required for current Registry Court Visitors.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH- 8:45AM TO 4:30PM
PATSY CLARK'S MANSION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH - 8:00AM TO 4:30PM*
GONZAGA SCHOOL OF LAW- BARBIERI COURTROOM

We will be raffling 2 GU Men's BB Tickets for a November game at the end of the training

SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

2024 Cost:

Single Day: $210

Both Days: $350

Who should attend:

WSBA Licensed Attorneys w/3 years experience

People with a graduate level degree in related field and current license or certification

Visit our website for more information about qualifications

www.spokanebar.org

Sponsored by the Spokane Bar Association & Spokane County Superior Court Guardianship Training Committee

2025 Charles A. Goldmark Distinguished Service Award

Call for Nominations

Each year, the Legal Foundation of Washington's Board of Trustees commemorates the extraordinary contributions of former Board President and attorney, Charles A. Goldmark, who helped establish a more just, equitable legal aid system in Washington State during his lifetime.

The Goldmark Award recognizes the exceptional leadership of an individual, group, or organization in providing, promoting, or advocating for equal justice for Washington's low-income individuals, families, and communities.

LFW's Goldmark Award Committee calls for nominations that recognize outstanding contributions made to increase justice for all through the judicial system, public policy arena, and/or community outreach and education. In recognition of the legal aid community's commitment to race equity as outlined in the 2018-2020 State Plan for the Coordinated Delivery of Civil Legal Aid to Low-Income People, nomination of people and organizations focusing on race equity work is encouraged.

Award Criteria

1. The nominee's work in support of legal aid must fall within the Foundation's mission of supporting programs and strategies that make our state a fair and just place to live.
2. The nominee's efforts should reflect a generosity of spirit and the highest quality work.
3. The nominee's contributions to equal access to justice in Washington State must be evident and verifiable.

Nominations must be in writing and may be supported by letters and other documentation. All submitted materials become property of LFW. For more information, follow this link - https://legalfoundation.org/2025-charles-a-goldmark-distinguished-service-award/.

Nomination Procedure:

- **Complete nomination form by September 2, 2024**
- Gather letters and documents to support the nomination

Submit nomination materials electronically to shara@legalfoundation.org

- Questions? Call **(206) 957-6281**

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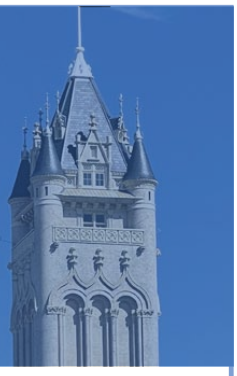

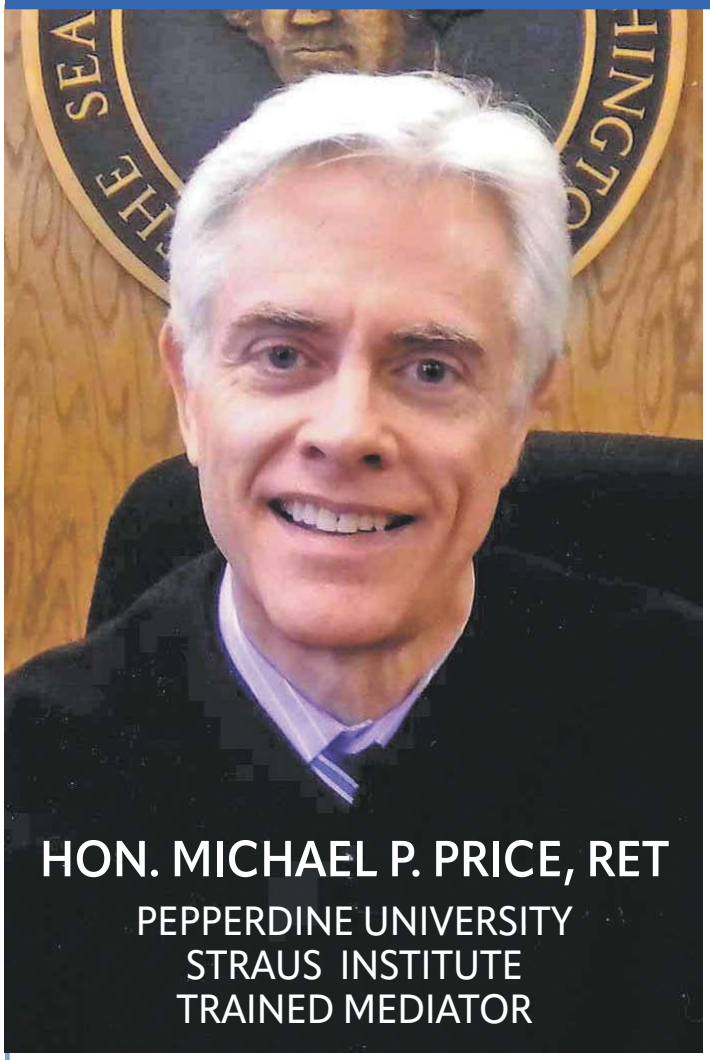

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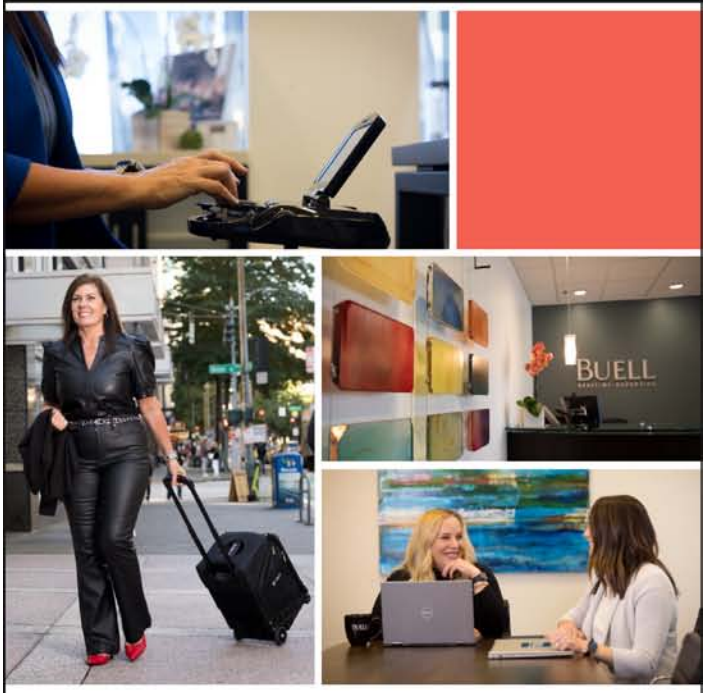

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