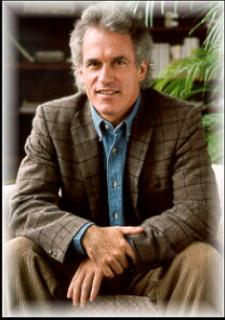


Upcoming Events



The next monthly luncheon meeting of the 28th Judicial District Bar will convene at 12:30 on **Wednesday, February 13, 2008** at the YMI Cultural Center, 39 South Market St. Cost of the luncheon is \$10 for members and \$18 for guests. We will have two speakers: **Mark Gibney** (pictured left), Belk Distinguished Professor and Professor of Political Science from UNCA will speak on the intersection of immigration law and constitutional law re: federal law enforcement of immigration law.

Ed Krause, (pictured right) will share an excerpt from his latest novel. For those of you have dreamed about becoming a published author and maintaining your law practice, this may be of interest to you. Ed said that he originally started to write to relieve stress from his daily law practice. He has gone on to publish several books including *OUR NEXT OF KIN*, a sequel to *OUR KINFOLKS*.



Buncombe County Women Attorneys Monthly Luncheon

All Buncombe County women attorneys are invited to the informal monthly lunch at Cafe on the Square in downtown Asheville at **12:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, February 27, 2008**. Please *RSVP* to **Sheila Lambert** at slattorney@aol.com by noon on **Tuesday, February 26, 2007**.

Its membership time. Please remember to pay on line or mail your membership dues in: www.ncawa.org . If you would like to serve on a Committee at the state level , please let Smitty know 350-5895. If you would like more information about the local chapter, please contact **Aleece Hiller** at wallstreetmediator@gmail.com

Your Invited to the NCAWA WOW Awards

Our local chapter of the will not rest on its laurels. Planning has already begun for an evening celebration of Women of Wisdom [WOW]. On **May 1, 2008**, Law Day, women attorneys who have been practicing 25+ years will be honored. Please save the date. If you wish to participate or support this event, please contact Smitty at susan@dotson-smithlaw.com or 350-8595.

CLE Opportunities

The Pro Bono Committee of the 28th Judicial District Bar and **Pisgah Legal Services** are pleased to sponsor a six hour CLE program (credit pending) on Legal Advice for Meeting Basic Needs: An overview of legal issues for assisting clients to secure housing, income and safety. The program will be on Thursday, **February 21, 2008**, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the **Van Winkle law firm**. Please contact Pisgah Legal Services at 253-0406 to register.

Your Invited to Come Hear the Music

Marc Rudow (of **Roberts & Stevens**) is playing the fiddle with the group: Bandana Klezmer on **Saturday, March 15**, at 8 pm in the Burnsville Town Center. Klezmer is the traditional Jewish folk music of Eastern Europe, and the band is a group of seven musicians from Yancey, Mitchell and Buncombe Counties. \$10 admission includes organic espresso, tea, and coffee donated by Appalachian Java and decadent desserts by local bakers. Your invited to come and dance the night away.

Awards and Honors

“**Will Morris**, Wachovia Securities Financial Advisor and Asheville attorney, spoke at the **Wake Forest University Law School** continuing legal education seminar, ‘Representing the Elderly’, presented January 10-11 in Raleigh. His presentation topic was ‘Annuity Suitability,’ which covered fundamentals of annuities and new regulatory standards used to evaluate the appropriateness of annuity recommendations. Video replays will be presented across the state.” Will Morris can be contacted at Wachovia Securities, LLC on 212 E. Main St., 2nd Floor, Brevard, NC 28712, by phone 828-884-2057 (office), 800-929-0978 (toll free), 828-273-9524 (cell), and 828-884-7744 (fax).

Memo from Judge Cash

MEMORANDUM

TO: Attorneys Practicing in the District Criminal Courts, District Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, Clerk of Superior Court’s Office, District Court Judges

FROM: Gary S. Cash, Chief District Court Judge

DATE: January 8, 2008

RE: Bond Hearings in District Court #1 and #2

Pursuant to a recent memorandum from the District Attorney’s office, you will recall that the bond hearing calendar previously held in District Court #2 now will be split for misdemeanor - only matters in District Court #1 and felony matters (along with companion misdemeanor charges) in District Court #2. In order that there can be uniformity regarding hearing these bond matters, and after conferring with the District Court Judges, Clerk’s staff and District Attorney’s office, this memorandum is to notify you that these calendars will normally be called at 2:00 p.m. on each day of court and will be concluded by 2:30 p.m. Please be prepared to be heard regarding any bond hearing matters at that time.

Membership News

Share your news! Whether professional or personal, we want to share your significant news with other members of the bar. Contact greta@ashevillebuncombela.com or 252-5733 by Feb.15th for March news.

Welcome New Members:

Please welcome **Raquel K. Wilson** of the Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina.

Congratulations & Happy Announcements:

The **Law Firm of Adam W. Bull** is pleased to announce the arrival and association of Christopher B. Reinhardt (formerly of Leake & Scott) and the future formation of their new firm which will be known as Bull & Reinhardt, PLLC with offices located at 64 Broadway in Asheville.

John C. Hensley, Jr., has joined the firm of **Janet, Jenner & Suggs, LLC**, and the firm has opened a North Carolina office. They have offices in Baltimore, MD, and Columbia, SC, as well. Janet, Jenner & Suggs, LLC, represents clients in the areas of complex medical malpractice, catastrophic personal injury, pharmaceutical product liability, mass tort actions and complex business litigation. Contact info is shown below other than Mr. Hensley's e-mail, which is jhensley@medlawlegalteam.com.

Adams Hendon Carson Crow & Saenger, P.A. is pleased to announce that **Daniel E. Hitchcock** has been named a partner of the firm. Dan practiced for 10 years in Portland, Oregon before joining the firm in 2004. Dan continues to assist clients in commercial real estate matters and business transactions.

Moves & Address Changes

Chitwood & Fairbairn, PA has a new home. We've moved our Social Security Disability practice to 245 South French Broad Avenue, just down from the federal building and federal courthouse. Our fax number has changed to 252-2840, but the phone number is still 252-0492.

Office Space Available

Office space available in March. Approx. 400 sq.ft. plus shared waiting room upstairs. Utilities included. Ample, off-street parking. \$450/mo. Use of downstairs conference room, copier can be arranged. 245 S. French Broad Ave. Call Holly Fairbairn, 252-0492 or email holly@wncdisability.com.

Positions Open:

Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC) is seeking two Staff Attorneys to join its statewide Senior Law Project (SLP), which provides free legal assistance in civil matters to low-income people over age 60 across North Carolina. LANC is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters generally to those households whose income falls below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. The salary is \$39,000.00+ DOE. Excellent leave and benefits package. Relaxed office atmosphere. Please contact Ms. Angeleigh Dorsey, Legal Aid of NC, P.O. Box 7606, Asheville, NC 28802 or by email to anged@legalaidnc.org directly and provide three references.

An opening will be created with the consulting firm of **Martin-McGill**. We provide planning and financial advice, grant application and administration services, obtain easements and manage government programs for counties and municipalities throughout the state. If any member of the 28th Judicial District would be interested in such a position, please have them contact me at **Jac Whatley at Martin-McGill**, 38 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801 or by phone at (828) 255-0313, or by email at: jac@martin-mcgill.com.

Membership News

Letter from NCAWA local chapter President Aleece Hiller (Group picture from left to right back row: LeAnn Melton, Annika Brock, Tracy Hyorth, Ingrid Friesen, Kasey, Leah Broker; front row: Aleece Hiller, Eileen McMinn, Kathy, Ellen Clarke.)



This year's **WNC Chapter, NCAWA 6th Annual Cut the Risk [CTR]** campaign has been the most successful ever. I am happy to report that records were shattered in many ways: highest number of sponsorships, sell out of all appointments, and although numbers are not final – we have raised over **\$15,000**. This is \$6,000 more than last year, and blows by the previous record of \$10,000. Many people

gave of their time in a multitude of tasks, which included obtaining sponsorships, providing the services on MLK Jr. Day, making deliveries to the salons, blowing up balloons, bagging water bottles, creating unique thank you gifts for the salons, writing thank you notes, emailing their friends, writing an article, doing all the minutiae involved in putting together this campaign, and being enthusiastic about this event. They are: The owners and staff at the 24 salons and spas [see list below]; WCCJ staff and Board Members: **Ellen Clarke, Kathy, Kasey Rigsby, Amy Ray, Carla Stahl**; WCCJ's Special Events Coordinator **Tracy Hyorth**; The CTR Planning Committee: **Ingrid Friesen, Aleece Hiller, Sheila Lambert, and Eileen McMinn**; but wait, there's more: **Debbie Baker, Janet and Levi Boyer, Annika Brock, Leah Broker, Greta Camp, Sarah Corley, Susan "Smitty" Dotson-Smith and her 2 girls Serena and Maya, Elaine, Johannah Finkelstein, LeAnn Melton, Leslie Muir, Susan Reinhardt, Judy Rudolph, Susan Russo, Heidi Stewart, and Tracy Ward.**

Lastly, I want to thank the **28th Judicial District Bar** and especially the women attorneys who have supported this event from the beginning. Thank you for booking these appointments and supporting such a worthwhile and important program in this community, the Women at Risk Program sponsored by **Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice, Inc. [WCCJ]**. As many of you know, this program is nationally acclaimed, state-licensed, and community based offering mental health and substance abuse treatment, clinical case management and sentencing alternatives to women at risk of incarceration.

Generous support was provided by: **Asheville Citizen-Times Lend a Hand Foundation** and the **Genesis Alliance** as event benefactors; event sponsor **Ingrid Friesen, PA**; and the underwriters: **Aleece M. Hiller/Wall Street Law and Mediation Office, Broker & Hamrick Law Firm, Buncombe County Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, Chestnut Hill Salon and Spa, Sarah Corley/MediationWorks, Law Office of Sheila Lambert, Lentz & Associates, William E. Loose, Root & Root, PLLC, Susan E. Wilson, Mediator and Attorney at Law, and Wachovia Bank.** Please support the following businesses as they provided the services for our Cut the Risk Benefit: **Advanced Electrolysis & Laser Hair Removal of Asheville, Ananda, Asheville Oasis, Carmen! Carmen!, Center for Massage & Natural Health, Chestnut Hill Salon & Spa, Cottage of Compassionate Hands, Dang, Eclipse, L'eau De Vie, Lola Salon & Gallery, Massage 4 A Cause & Massage 4 A Healthier You, Marc Edward & Company, Salon Dragonfly, Secret Garden, Sensibilities Day Spa South, Shoji, Spa at Biltmore Village, Spa Theology, Studio Chavarria Downtown and South, and Willow's Dream.** Hopefully I have not left anyone out.

Update from Pisgah Legal Services

For 30 years, **Pisgah Legal Services** has provided free civil legal services to low-income people to meet urgent needs. On January 18, 1978, The **Legal Aid Service of the Buncombe County Bar Association** (predecessor to PLS) served its first client, a young woman seeking “separation papers” and child support from its small office at the Buncombe County Courthouse. The Buncombe County Bar had secured a grant of **\$122,040** from the federal Legal Services Corporation to provide legal aid to low-income people. In the first three years, the Legal Aid Service/PLS served more than 2,000 people.

Three decades later, PLS serves more than **9,000** people per year across seventeen Western North Carolina counties. Pisgah Legal Services has expanded its services and addresses a wide range of issues, including housing, domestic violence, access to health care, consumer protection and elder law. PLS utilizes 16 staff attorneys and a network of more than 300 volunteer attorneys to address urgent needs in local communities.

Most PLS’ clients call desperate for help and have nowhere else to turn. In many cases, clients have sought help from friends, family, their churches and social service agencies before calling PLS, and found that legal expertise was needed to address their crises.

As it celebrates thirty years of improving lives for low-income people, **Pisgah Legal Services** is laying a foundation to expand its services significantly over the next generation. PLS is working to secure new office space so that it can double the number of people it serves over the next 15 years and address more of the overwhelming unmet need for free legal assistance. Most of its 37 staff currently work out of PLS’ Montford office, which has become severely overcrowded, inefficient and potentially unsafe. As many of the problems that PLS addresses, such as foreclosure prevention and access to health care, affect more and more people, PLS wants to ensure that people in crisis have somewhere to turn for legal help.

Pisgah Legal Services would not exist if not for the longtime commitment of Buncombe County attorneys to serve people in need. This commitment was formalized in 1967 when local lawyers, including **Frank M. Parker, Harold K. Bennett, Ruben J. Dailey** and **H. Kenneth Lee**, created the Legal Aid Society of Buncombe County. From 1970 to 1977, the Legal Aid Committee, administered by **Karl Straus, Barry Kempson and William Wolcott, III** referred indigent cases to private attorneys for *pro bono* assistance. Now, thirty years later, private attorneys in Buncombe County and surrounding counties close hundreds of cases per year for PLS clients. In 2007, 660 of PLS’ 3,075 closed cases were handled by volunteer attorneys. Volunteer attorneys donated 2,911 hours of professional services, which if valued conservatively at \$150 per hour, would be worth at least \$436,650.

Buncombe County attorneys can celebrate their role in developing and sustaining an effective and innovative legal services organization to meet pressing needs in local communities. Thank you to the members of the Buncombe County Bar for upholding the Bar’s commitment to this vital work to help our neighbors in need.”

Greetings From Your Bar Administrator



Dear Members:

Would you like the opportunity to network with your fellow members and market your practice to the public? To make our membership directory a useful tool we will need your input. Last month I gave the specifics for having a professional photograph ready to upload for our bar's membership directory (500 pixels max on height and width of the photo and 72dpi for being able to size down to our webpage page).

When we send an email invite, you will then have access to our website www.ashevillebuncombela.net. You will be able to upload your professional headshot. We want to have the webpage open to the public by **May 1st**. In the future, we would like to have a way for the public to "*Find an Attorney*". As your administrator I often get calls from the public asking for an attorney that specializes in a certain area of the law. I usually refer them to the phone book.

"Areas of Practice" and the state(s) you are licensed in, your board certifications are also another a way to market your services and practice. We do not currently have this information on file for each of you. By making this information available you will help your fellow members and eventually the public find you. This benefit/service will be free of charge to all members of our bar. Below is an excerpted example of what the bar member directory will look like. This is only a part of Heidi's profile in the directory.



HEIDI STEWART

LICENSED IN THESE STATES

North Carolina

LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

BOARD CERTIFIED SPECIALIZATIONS

Family Financial Mediator NC Dispute Resolution Commission Superior Court Mediator NC Dispute Resolution Commission

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business Law **Dispute Resolution & Arbitration Elder Law Family Law Probate, Trusts & Estates**

As always your feedback is appreciated. Some of you have inquired to whether the website will have listserv capabilities. Currently, the site does not have that programmed in.

Sincerely,

Greta Camp, Bar Administrator

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