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Mar 1, 8, 15 & 2212:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
(1 MCLE hour each)

Phoenix Nuts and Bolts of the Civil Trial Courtroom Series
Maricopa County Superior Court, Phoenix (brown-bag luncheon)

Mar. 4, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.(3.25 MCLE hours, 3.25 ethics)

Turning the Tables on Stress
DoubleTree Hotel at Reid Park, Tucson

Mar. 4, 1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.(3 MCLE hours, 1 hour ethics)

PI from A to Z
DoubleTree Hotel at Reid Park, Tucson

Mar. 7, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.(1.5 MCLE hours)

Structuring Administering & Defending FLPs
(Call-in teleseminar)

Mar. 9, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.(3 MCLE hours, 3 hours ethics)

Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls
ASU Downtown Center, Phoenix

Mar. 10, 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.(5.5 MCLE hours)

Arizona Jurors Speak
Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix

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Below are highlights from the December 15, 2005, State Bar Board of Governors meeting. Meetings typically are held monthly at the Arizona Bar Center in Phoenix. To see the complete minutes, go to www.myazbar.org/AZBarInfo and click on "Board of Governors."

- ▶ President Helen Perry Grimwood called the meeting to order. No executive session was held.
- ▶ President Grimwood reported on the formation of the newly formed Task Force on Landlord Tenant Law and requested additional names to be submitted to her for consideration.
- ▶ President Grimwood reported on her activities, including attending the first Arizona Judicial Leadership Counsel held in Sedona; attending the Justice For All meeting; and her continued effort to meet with legislators along with Christine Thompson, Director of Government Relations. Ms. Grimwood additionally reported that the State Bar and the Supreme Court are continuing to hold regular meetings, which are very beneficial.
- ▶ Teresa Schmid, Executive Director, reviewed with the board the Executive Director's Report. Ms. Schmid reported on the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education's recent additional grants of \$165,000 to various legal services, which was generated from the \$50 voluntary contributions from membership.
- ▶ Ms. Schmid reported on upcoming events, which include: The American Bar Association for Public Education will be hosting its 24th National Law Related Education Leadership Conference in Tempe from January 26-28.
- ▶ Additionally, Ms. Schmid reviewed the "On the Horizon" portion of the report, which is dedicated to giving the Board advance notice of emerging issues that may become significant to the Bar in the future but do not yet require action by the board.
- ▶ Finance Committee—Ray Hanna, Chair, reviewed the Memo regarding the employee-related package for the 2006 Budget for consideration by the Board.
- ▶ The board voted to approve the following items from the Memo from Teresa Schmid on December 16: (1) addition of three new positions in the 2006 Budget to include adding a Senior Director of Member Services; Assistant to the President; and Member Assistance Program Director; (2) approval of a market adjustment of 3.5 percent for employee salaries, as recommended by the Hay Group, to keep employee salaries in line with the job market; and (3) approval of an increase of 2.5 percent in the current salary ranges, as recommended by the Hay Group, to keep salary ranges in line with the job market.
- ▶ Mr. Hanna reported that the budget will continue to be on hold for a month pending additional information for a separate item of the Memo from Teresa Schmid dated December 16, which references a pool for performance pay and staff development in 2006.
- ▶ Mr. Hanna reported that the financial statements are informational this month as Larry McVey, Chief Financial Officer, was unable to attend and Julie Wilson, Director of Accounting, was available to answer any questions.
- ▶ Pamela Donison, Arizona Women Lawyers Association (AWLA), reported on the activities of the organization including the upcoming reception celebrating the ascension of Hon. Ruth V. McGregor as Chief Justice and Hon. Rebecca White Berch as Vice Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, Thursday, February 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson.
- ▶ Jeff Jacobson, President of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD), reported on the continuing efforts of the Wills for Heroes Program, which are now scheduled through March. Mr. Jacobson further reported on the upcoming press conference to be held January 14.
- ▶ Leezie Kim from the Arizona Asian American Bar Association reported on the February 16 annual induction activities.
- ▶ Appointments Committee—Ed Novak, Chair, reported on the criteria for the three Court Appointments for Arizona Commission on Appellate Court Appointments, Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments and Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments.
 - ▶ The board voted to forward to the Governor the names of Paige A. Martin and Mark K. Briggs as the two candidates to fill the vacancy on the Arizona Commission on Appellate Court Appointments; the opening was created when James Moeller vacated his seat.
 - ▶ Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments—The board voted to nominate James E. Blair, Jr., to fill the seat being vacated by John Tuchi in Supervisorial District 1. The board voted to nominate Jennifer R. Hunter for the Supervisorial District 5 vacancy.
 - ▶ Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments—The board voted to nominate incumbent Elizabeth D. Bushell be nominated for reappointment to a second four-year term as the Supervisorial District 4 representative. The board voted to nominate incumbent John R. Evans for reappointment to a second four-year term as the Supervisorial District 5 representative.
- ▶ The board voted to accept the recommendation of the Appointments Committee for incumbent Robert E. Schmitt, Yavapai County, to be nominated for reappointment to a four-year term.
- ▶ Amelia Craig Cramer, Chair of the Tucson Building Task Force, gave an update on the findings of the task force.
 - ▶ The board voted to approve the task force to negotiate leases on the three properties that are being considered.
- ▶ Kent Nicholas, Chair of the Fee Arbitration Committee, gave a brief overview of the fee arbitration process. In recognition of three public members of the committee, Alejandra Torres and Diana Shaw were recognized with an award. Bradley Smith, unable to attend in person, was also recognized for his volunteer efforts. The board thanked them all for their service.
- ▶ Joe Kreamer, Chair of Legal Services, reported on the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education's grants recently given to Community Legal Services, Children's Law Center, DNA-Peoples Legal Services, Native Education Legal Line (NELL), Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc., and the Tucson Family Advocacy Project.
- ▶ Robert Van Wyck, Chief Bar Counsel, reported that the Lawyer Regulation Department hired Pat Sallen as the new ethics counsel. The department has two positions to fill. Preliminary numbers indicate that disci-

pline is reporting about the same number of phone calls and written complaints as in the past. More of the formal complaints received are of greater complexity than had previously been the case.

- ▶ The board voted to ratify the actions of the Scope & Operations Committee in approving the filing of the Petition Amending Rules 32(c), 45 and 64(f) relating to membership and MCLE.
- ▶ The board voted to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Amended November board minutes, approval of reinstatements, MCLE suspensions, and notice of deceased members.

Standing Board Committee Reports

- ▶ Amicus—Justice Scott Bales left the room prior to the start of the discussion. Dan McAuliffe, Chair, reported on the discussion of the court on the James Hamm case and the Court's invitation to file a supplemental amicus brief in the Lee Keller King matter with a deadline of January 20, 2006.
 - ▶ The board voted unanimously to submit a supplemental amicus curiae brief to the Court, which argues for a bright-line rule that excludes those convicted of attempted murder from admission to the Bar and to further argue that if a bright-line rule is not adopted by the Court, that Mr. King should be denied admission to the Bar based on the *Hamm* analysis.
- ▶ Long Range Planning Committee—Steve Sherick, Chair, reported that the committee plans to update the LRP in March.
- ▶ Member Services Committee—Whitney Cunningham, Chair, reported that the committee didn't meet this month. Bar Leadership was held in the afternoon after the last board meeting.
- ▶ Rules Committee—Christine Thompson, Director of Government Relations, reviewed the draft comment recommended by the Rules Committee regarding R-05-00016, addressing an exemption to the Unauthorized Practice of Law Rules in Special Education Administrative Hearings.
 - ▶ The board voted to file with the Court the recommended draft comment regarding R-05-00016 as presented to the board.
- ▶ Meeting adjourned.

STATE BAR OF ARIZONA AWARD NOMINATIONS

The **State Bar of Arizona** is soliciting nominations for awards to be given at the annual convention. Nominations for all categories should be submitted to: State Bar Awards, 4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85016-6288. The deadline for nominations is **Monday, March 20, 2006**.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to that attorney or those attorneys who have rendered extraordinary contributions to the programs and activities of the State Bar in the prior year. Hundreds, even thousands, of the Bar's members contribute their time and talent to the work of the Bar, but this award is limited to those whose contributions are exceptional. In 2005, the award was given to Ronald W. Messerly and Michael V. Mulchay.



Ronald W. Messerly



Michael V. Mulchay

"I was humbled to receive the Member of the Year Award, together with my co-recipient Mike Mulchay. The award recognizes the hard work not of myself as an individual, but as part of a team that helped make the SBA's transition to the new State Bar Center such a success. I encourage all members of the Bar to become involved with and contribute time to the great causes and interests of our organization—one gets far more out of it than they put in. I would like to thank the members of the Board of Governors the Bar staff for this award."
— Ronald W. Messerly

"I was really happy to find a way to use my training and experience to give back to the Bar in my legal concentration area. That the Bar recognized that service has been incredibly gratifying."
— Michael V. Mulchay

JAMES A. WALSH OUTSTANDING JURIST AWARD

Awarded to that judge whose career exemplifies the highest standards of judicial conduct for integrity and independence; who is knowledgeable of the law and faithful to it; who is unswayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism; who is patient, dignified and courteous to all who appear before him; and who endeavors to improve the administration of justice and public understanding of, and respect for, the role of law in our society. Last year's recipients was the **Hon. Michael D. Ryan**.

AWARD OF SPECIAL MERIT

Awarded to that member or member of the State Bar who has made significant contributions to the furtherance of public understanding of the legal system, the administration of justice and confidence in the legal profession. In 2005, the recipient was **Frances L. Johansen**.

SHARON A. FULLMER LEGAL AID ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to that legal services lawyer or lawyers in Arizona whose service to low-income people encompasses aggressive advocacy on behalf of individuals in extreme need and addresses systemic issues affecting significant numbers of low-income people. Last year's recipient was **George H. McKay**.

AWARD OF APPRECIATION

Awarded to that individual or those individuals who are not members of the Bar in recognition of outstanding service toward the creation of a better public understanding of the legal profession and the administration of justice, the judiciary or the legislative process. **Emily R. Johnston** was honored last year.

TOM KARAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD

Awarded to that criminal law practitioner or judicial officer who during his or her career has worked tirelessly to advance the causes of criminal justice by representing clients or the public, or presiding in court, with integrity, fairness, tenacity, creativity, brilliance and above all professionalism. The recipient in 2005 was **Robert J. Hirsh**.

PEOPLE, PLACES, HONORS, AWARDS

David H. Benton has joined Fennemore Craig as of counsel and practices in the areas of natural resources, environmental government relations and litigation.

Monica Goebel was unanimously elected as the managing partner of the Phoenix office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP.



affairs), May Mowzoon (intellectual property), Daniel H. Walker (business) and Jeffrey Zane (commercial litigation and construction). In addition, Mike Bielecki (government relations and Indian affairs) has joined the firm as a principal.

Paul M. Gales has joined Feldman Brown Wala Hall and Agena PLC as partner and practices in corporate transactions and securities regulations.

Henry G. Watkins was named executive director of the Arizona Center for Disability Law.



Sarah Ananda Perry has joined The Grimwood Law Firm plc as an associate and practices in employment, employee benefits, ERISA and commercial litigation.



Lewis and Roca has announced that six associates have joined the firm: Jonathan Hauer and Erin E. Szajna (real estate), Peter Larson (public finance and Indian



Greenberg Traurig announced that Rebecca L. Burnham and Lesa J. Storey have joined the firm's real estate practice, and that Laura M. Lawless joined the labor and employment practice.

Fennemore Craig announced that four new attorneys have joined the firm. They are: Todd S. Kartchner, business law and per-

sonal injury torts; **William D. Sawkiw**, commercial litigation; **Stephen D. Benedetto**, business and personal injury litigation; and **Marc A. Marra**, natural resources and environmental law.

Real estate attorney **Jan Grossman** has joined developer **Shea Commercial** as general counsel.

Susan Dana-Kobey has joined **Burch & Cracchiolo PA** as an associate and concentrates her practice on construction defect law and insurance coverage.

Monty L. Greek was named shareholder of **Zwillinger & Georgelos PC**. Greek practices in commercial litigation, construction litigation and business torts.

The City of **Scottsdale City Council** has appointed **Deborah W. Robberson** as city attorney.

Brad L. Kerby was appointed general counsel of **Marnell Corrao Associates** in Las Vegas.

Steptoe & Johnson announced that **Timothy M. Strong** has joined the firm as partner in the litigation department. The firm also announced the promotions of **Jason D. Sanders** to Of Counsel in the commercial litigation department, and **John R. Nickerson** to Special Counsel in the labor and employment department.

Meagher & Geer PLLP has announced that **Thalia N. Gonzalez** has joined the firm's insurance coverage group.

Judge Boyd Johnson was selected as the Presiding Judge of the **Pinal County Superior Court**.

Gallagher & Kennedy PA has announced that **Brian J. Zavislak** has rejoined the firm as an associate in its real estate practice.



Perkins Coie Brown & Bain has announced that 10 new associates have the firm. They are: **Colin P. Ahler**, **Patricia A. Alexander**, **Rhonda L. Barnes**, **Jordan T. Ellel**, **Rhett B. Larson**, **Lauren J. Lowe**, **Aaron H. Matz**, **Steven J. Monde**, **Craig A. Morgan** and **Liana W. Spendlove**.

Four new attorneys have joined the Phoenix office of **Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP**. **Matthew B. Meaker** and **John T. White** have joined the firm's business litigation group, and **M. Elizabeth Nillen** and **Heidi Nunn-Gilman** have joined the employment and labor law practice.



MORRIS
Michelle Morris was promoted to Of Counsel at Perkins Coie Brown & Bain PA.



HANSON
Sacks Tierney PA has announced that **John K. Hanson** has joined the firm as shareholder, and **Diana I. Rader** has joined as an associate. Hanson practices tax and estate planning, and Rader concentrates on domestic relations.



MAYES
J. Blake Mayes has joined Galbut & Hunter as an associate and practices in commercial litigation and business and commercial transactions.

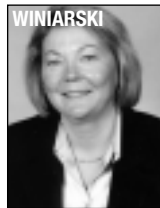
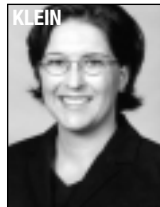
The Moulton Law Firm PC has relocated to 6401 E. Thomas Road, Suite 101, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Phone: (480) 355-5000; Fax: (480) 355-5019.

Aaron C. Schepler, an associate with Greenberg Traurig, has been selected to join the Men's Board of the Fresh Start Women's Foundation.

Bryan Cave LLP has announced that seven new associates have joined the firm: **Daniel Fredenberg** (commercial litigation), **Andrew Gleason** (real estate construction), **Kyle Hirsch** (labor and employment), **Eric Hull** and **Landon Loveland** (class and derivative actions), **Maribeth Klein**



(environmental) and **Michael Latham** (corporate finance and securities). In addition, **Debra Winiarski** has joined the firm as Counsel in the commercial litigation and class and derivative actions client service group.



People Item Submissions:

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G. Van Velsor Wolf Jr., senior environmental law partner at Snell & Wilmer, was elected to the national board of directors of the American Cancer Society.

Judge **Roxanne K. Song Ong** was recently sworn in as the Chief Presiding Judge of the Phoenix Municipal Court.

Attorney **Kenneth Seidberg** was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys.

Tucson attorney **Robert E. Fee** has received the Bill Wiley Award from the Western Music Association for his outstanding contributions to the Western music industry.