



BAR COMMUNITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS JULY MEETING REVIEW

Below are highlights from the July 21, 2006, State Bar Board of Governors meeting held during the Board of Governors Retreat in Flagstaff. To see the complete minutes, go to www.myazbar.org/AZBarInfo and click on "Board of Governors."

- ▶ President Jim Smith called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- ▶ President Smith apologized to Past President Helen Perry Grimwood and to the board for the inappropriate comments he made at the end of the Gala at the State Bar convention. He also stated that he is committed to supporting diversity. President Smith said he will respond with an apology to letters of complaint sent by various bar associations.
- ▶ President Smith announced the creation of a process to build better relationships with specialty and county bars. Mr. Smith appointed members of the State Bar Board of Governors to serve as liaisons to those bars to listen to the interests and concerns of their members and keep open two-way communication with the State Bar.
- ▶ President Smith reviewed with the board the letters (as handouts) that were received from the sister bars.
- ▶ President Smith reviewed with the board his ideas on the process to be used for any voting this year, the schedule for Scope and Operations meetings and attendance.
- ▶ Consent Agenda—The board approved the Approval of Resignations of Members in Good Standing and the minutes as amended.
- ▶ Teresa Schmid, Executive Director, reported that the Senior Director of Membership Services position will not be filled before the end of the year. Ms. Schmid reviewed her Executive Director's report.
- ▶ Larry McVey, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the May financial information.
- ▶ Amicus Committee, Dan McAuliffe, Chair, reported on the Schmehl Admission Case—The board voted to review the recommendation of the Supreme Court's Committee on Character and Fitness for conditional admission of Matthew Schmehl. After it makes a decision on an appropriate response, the board agreed to petition the Arizona Supreme Court so the Bar's voice can be heard in this matter.
- ▶ Tucson Building Task Force, Amelia Cramer, Chair, recommended, and the board approved, that the Bar's southern regional office stay at the current leased location for the remainder of the existing lease period plus another year, if necessary. During that time the task force will continue to look for a suitable building to purchase. The board also approved minor tenant improvements to the current location.
- ▶ Rules Committee, Petition to Amend Rule 15(a)—The board approved a recommendation by the Bar's Civil Practice and Procedure Committee to propose an amendment of Rule 15(a) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure. For details contact the committee chair, Sam Thumma.
- ▶ Appointments Committee, Client Protection Fund Board of Trustees—With regard to two potential candidates for an open position on the Client Protection Fund Board of Trustees, the board referred the issue back to the appointments committee for further review.
- ▶ Meeting Schedule—The board will not meet in August. The next board meeting is September 22. The full schedule is posted on the board's Web page (www.myazbar.org/AZBarInfo—click on "Board of Governors").
- ▶ Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

NEWS
FOR MEMBERS

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Calendar

CLE OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Oct. 3 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
(1 MCLE hour)
Director and Officer Liability
Telephone seminar

Oct. 3 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
(1 MCLE hour)
Brad Meltzer, author of *The Tenth Justice*,
Dead Even, *The First Counsel*, *The*
Millionaires and *The Zero Game*
Phoenix

Oct. 4 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(4.25 hours ethics credits)
Professionalism
Tucson

Oct. 6 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(5.5 MCLE hours)
Advanced Estate Planning
Phoenix

Oct. 12, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(5.5 hours ethics credit)
New Bankruptcy Rules—One Year Later
Phoenix

Oct. 13 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(6 MCLE hours, including 1 hour ethics)
Probate Fundamentals
Tucson

Oct. 15-20
(22 MCLE hours, including 2 hours ethics)
Spanish Immersion
Guadalajara, Mexico

A law-oriented Spanish language course for attorneys seeking to improve their personal and professional Spanish proficiency while learning about the Mexican legal system from Mexican professors, lawyers and judges.

Oct. 18 Noon to 2:00 p.m.
(2 hours ethics credits)
Client Engagement Letters
Phoenix live/Webcast

Oct. 20 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(6 MCLE hours, including 1.25 hours ethics)
Greatest Trials of the Century
Phoenix

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to view the expanded list of interactive online courses and extensive assortment of video and audio self-study products. Times are subject to change, so check online for details.

PEOPLE, PLACES, HONORS, AWARDS

Martin D. Jones has joined **Gallagher & Kennedy PA** as an associate in the firm's environmental and natural resources practice.



Melissa S. Ho has joined **Quarles & Brady Streich Lang LLP** as an associate in the firm's white collar crime practice, and associate **Amy R. Gobster** has joined the health law practice group.

Fennemore Craig has announced that nine attorneys have joined the firm. They are: **J. Christopher Gooch** and **Zora K. Shaw**, commercial litigation; **Christopher L. Raddatz**, **Tyler R. Stradling**, **Daniel J. Holwerda** and **Sarah A. Kubiak**, real estate; **Jeffrey E. Meyerson** and **C. W. Ross**, business and finance; and **Sonia I. Krainz**, health care litigation.



Amy R. Fish has joined **Ryley Carlock & Applewhite's** environmental and natural resources practice as an associate.

Probate attorney **Ronald G. Wilson** has joined **Morris Hall & Kinghorn PLLC's** estate planning practice.

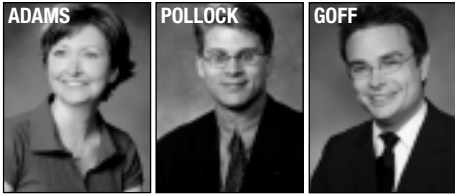


The **Rose Law Group pc** has hired **Rachel Weiss** to focus on business litigation and employment law.

Richard S. Oseran has joined the Tucson firm **McNamara Goldsmith Jackson & Macdonald PC** as Of Counsel.

Snell & Wilmer LLP announced that commercial litigation attorneys **Don Bivens**, **Jennifer Nore** and **Paul Stoller** have joined

the firm as partners, and **Michael Dana** as an associate.



Lewis and Roca has named eight attorneys into the partnership.

Lynne Adams and Brian Pollock (commercial litigation), Kevin Goff and Jeffrey Wutzke (real estate), Christy Hubbard and Shahpar Shahpar (intellectual property) and Quentin Vaughan (corporate and securities) practice in the firm's Phoenix office. Real estate attorney Linda McNulty practices in the Tucson office.



Greenberg Traurig LLP announced that **Andre H. Merrett**, Of Counsel, and **Marcy E. Mills**, associate, have joined the firm's litigation practice, and associate **David J. Ward** has joined the firm's real estate practice.



Mary Dolores Guerra has joined the **Phoenix School of Law** as an assistant professor and teaches business associations and commercial law.

Leon Silver has joined **Shughart Thomson & Kilroy PC** as a shareholder and practices in the firm's business litigation group.

PEOPLE



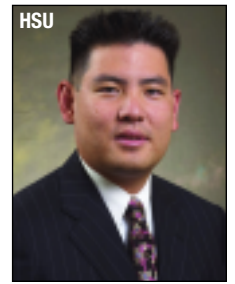
KESSLER



THOMAS

Robert M. Kessler and Glen Thomas have joined Schaller Anderson, Inc. Kessler is chief counsel for legal and regulatory affairs, and Thomas is senior counsel for compliance.

Gust Rosenfeld PLC announced that Shiela B. Schmidt, James T. Giel and Edwin Hsu have joined the firm. Schmidt focuses on water and environmental law, Giel focuses his practice on public finance, and Hsu concentrates on bankruptcy and business law.



HSU



CRANE



DeCASTRO



REDER



LaFAVE



OPASKA



POHL

Bryan Cave LLP has announced that six attorneys have joined the firm: Matthew B. Crane, real estate; Arturo A. DeCastro and Robert S. Reder, environmental law; Julie A. LaFave, commercial litigation; Walter P. Opaska, intellectual property; and Nancy Casbeer Pohl, private client and tax advice.

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP has opened an office in Phoenix with attorneys Karen McConnell and Stephen Savage, who will serve as the managing partner of the new Phoenix office.



KERCSMAR

Geoffrey S. Kerksmar has announced the opening of the Kerksmar Law Firm PC, a litigation boutique firm, located at 3260 N. Hayden Road, Suite 204, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.



Employment and labor law firm **Ogletree Deakins** has opened a new office in Tucson. **Tibor Nagy** and **Jim Mackie** are the founding shareholders, and they are joined by associate **Erica Rocush**.

The Law Office of **Dennis A. Rosen** has moved to 1670 E. River Road, Suite 124, Tucson, AZ 85716.

HONORS & AWARDS

Rick N. Bryson, an attorney with Sanders & Parks, received the **Jesse A. Udall Distinguished Service Award** from the J. Reuben Clark Law Society at Brigham Young University.

Quarles & Brady Streich Lang attorney **Mark K. Briggs** was confirmed by the Arizona State Senate to serve on the **Commission on Appellate Court Appointments**.



Attorneys **Jennifer M. Dubay** (Greenberg Traurig), **Margaret LaBianca** (Bryan Cave), and **Keri Silvyn** and **John Hinderaker** (Lewis and Roca) were elected to the board of directors of the **University of Arizona Law College**.

Fennemore Craig managing partner **Timothy J. Berg** has been elected to the board of trustees of the **Uniform Laws Foundation**, and the board of directors of the **Herberger Theater Center**.



Attorney **Jim Reed** received the **Justice 2006 Award** for Providing Access to Swift, Fair Justice from the Arizona Supreme Court, for his work to improve public trust and confidence in the Arizona court system.



OWENS
Two associates with Quarles & Brady Streich Lang LLP have been elected to serve on the executive board for the **Hayzel B. Daniels Bar Association**. **W. LaNelle Owens** will serve as president, and **Yvonne Moss** will serve as treasurer.

David D. Weinzwieg, an attorney with Lewis and Roca, has been appointed to the editorial board of **ARIZONA ATTORNEY** magazine.



Gary L. Birnbaum, managing director of Mariscal Weeks McIntyre & Friedlander PA, has been appointed associate dean for graduate studies and program development at Arizona State University's **Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law**.

Kelly J. Flood, an attorney with Shughart Thomson & Kilroy PC, has joined the board of directors of the **Arizona Humane Society**. She also has been appointed to the editorial board of **ARIZONA ATTORNEY** magazine.

Richard B. Hood has been elected to the Executive Committee of **Gust Rosenfeld PLC**.



The **Arizona Center for Disability Law** and the **Office of the Arizona Attorney General** are the private and public employer recipients of the State Bar of Arizona's **Hon. John R. Sticht Excellence in Disabilities Accessibility Award**.

William E. Farrell

William E. Farrell ("Bill") died May 12, 2006, after a brave nine-month battle with lung cancer. He was born July 31, 1940, in Chicago, son of William and Loretta Farrell. He graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep in 1957; he married Karen Lee Goodfellow in 1960. He received his bachelor's degree from Loyola University in Chicago and Juris Doctorate in Law from the University of Arizona.

Bill built a reputation as one of the premier municipal attorneys in the state of Arizona. He served as town attorney or legal consultant for several municipalities over the years, including Yuma, Glendale, Scottsdale, Litchfield Park, Paradise Valley, Apache Junction, Chino Valley, Fountain Hills, Queen Creek and Cave Creek.

For the past five years, Bill worked for the law firm of Mariscal Weeks McIntyre & Friedlander. His accomplishments include crafting state legislation, incorporating towns and arguing hillside development regulations before the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Corrigan* case.

He was very proud of his work in persuading the PGA to move the Phoenix Open to Scottsdale, which included the acquisition and development of the Princess Hotel and the Tournament Players Club for Scottsdale.

Personally, he influenced hundreds of young men by serving the community as a baseball coach for more than 15 years. His love for baseball was rewarded in 2005, when his beloved White Sox won the World Series.

He was a devout Catholic, and he and Karen are 12-year members of St. Patrick's Catholic Community, where he served in various ministries.

Bill is survived by his wife of 46 years, Karen Lee; sons and daughters-in-law Terry and Naomi of Gilbert, Bill and Sandy of Phoenix and Tim and Tara of Mesa; daughter and son-in-law Pam and Bill Nielsen of Henderson, Nev.; and eight grandchildren: Kristen, Kimberly, Kelley, Kelsi, Billy, Caitlin, Kendra and Erin.

In his last days, he was surrounded by loving friends and colleagues, for whom his family is very appreciative. His passing has left a void in all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association.

Thomas Reed Kibler

Thomas Reed Kibler, 58, died on Feb. 16 in Phoenix. Among other achievements, he won the Distinguished Flying Cross while flying F-4E Phantoms with the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam.

Tom was born in Grand Forks, N.D., on Nov. 26, 1947. As he liked to say, he "lived and traveled extensively in Pembina County [North Dakota]," with his family. In 1980 he graduated from the University of North Dakota Law School, and in 1989 he moved to Phoenix, where he practiced law with the Maricopa County Public Defender.

He distinguished himself as a superior trial attorney. Winning his share of unwinnable cases, Tom, known to his coworkers as "The Senator," once won a murder case where the defendant had left his wife's corpse in the marital bed and failed to remove it for six years. Tom gained an acquittal for his client, arguing, in addition to his client's innocence of the murder, that "sometimes when you put things off [reporting the corpse], they get harder to do as time passes."

He was a member of a dying breed of attorney—compassionate, well educated and humble. He'd shrug off compliments about his service to his country and his clients and instead preferred to talk about his beloved dog Viva. He was a well-read raconteur who loved to quote Dickens. "I don't need new stories," he would often say, "just a new audience."

Tom enjoyed traveling and did so extensively throughout Europe, Mexico and the Caribbean as well as the United States. Despite his worldliness, he was a humble man who never forgot what it meant to be a good neighbor and a loyal friend. In that way, he never left Pembina County.

"Senator Kibler" is survived by his parents Beverly and Jack Kibler of Oro Valley, and his brother and sister-in-law Paul and Ruth Ann Kibler and their two children Paula and Jeremy of Omaha, Neb., and his many grieving friends.



Michael Taylor Shelby

Michael Taylor Shelby, 47, passed away at his home on July 18 after a courageous battle with cancer. From 2001 until 2005, he was the presidentially appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. From 2005 until his death, he was a full partner at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP in Houston.

Shelby was born on Nov. 5, 1958, in Luling, Tex., and spent his early years in Houston. He attended Texas

A&M University on a debate scholarship and earned his B.S. degree in 1981. He received his law degree in 1984 from the University of Texas School of Law, where he was the Chairman of the Board of Advocates. He was active in the Moot Court program, and he remains the only student ever to twice win the prestigious Hildebrand Moot Court Competition.

He had worked as an assistant district attorney in the Harris County D.A.'s Office. He later joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston as an A.U.S.A. specializing in the investigation and prosecution of cases involving public corruption, organized crime and environmental law. In 1997, he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix, where he remained until his appointment as U.S. Attorney in Texas.

Shelby was also a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and he held the rank of Commander. He was a decorated veteran with active-duty service in Bosnia and in the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Jane Shelby, his daughters, Elizabeth Jane and Sarah Seay Shelby, his mother, Marilyn Seay Shelby, his brothers, Robert Seay Shelby and David Shelby, Jr., his sisters Teena and Lisa Shelby, as well as loving nieces, nephews and other family members.

Friends and former colleagues have established an education fund for Michael Shelby's two daughters. More information is available at www.fulbright.com.

RECENTLY DECEASED

William E. Farrell, Phoenix

John A. Henry, Falmouth, Me.

Paul M. Joyce, Phoenix

Thomas R. Kibler, Phoenix

Gloria Tradewell Lyons, Quemada, N.M.

David W. Richter, Tucson

Michael T. Shelby, Houston



CORRECTION

In our September issue, we used the incorrect photograph with an attorney's news item. We apologize for the error and publish the correct photo this month:

Vince Lujan has joined Rothstein Donatelli Hughes Dahlstrom & Schoenburg LLP in Tempe and focuses on Indian law issues.