2017 Barristers’ Ball

Oh, what a night! On Saturday, March 4, the legal community gathered for the 2017 Barristers’ Ball, dressed to the nines to drink, dine and dance the night away. See more photos on page 7.

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Don’t worry — none of us feel like we know what we’re doing

Professional golfer Tommy “The Silver Scot” Armour is believed to have coined the term “yips” to describe the involuntary fine movements that threw off the puts of his students after he retired from the game to become an instructor. The term has found its way into the cultural zeitgeist over the years to mean any sort of crippling self-doubt that throws a professional off his or her game.

Colleagues have told me about a variety of events that have triggered the yips for them: A particularly bad day in court, missing controlling authority in a motion, a client taking his life after receiving bad news from the attorney, a bar complaint, being fired by a client, being arrested, being sued. In a field where we are expected to be strong and project confidence and have all the answers, there is something particularly debilitating when we must face the fact that we don’t know everything and that we make mistakes. For those of us in positions where every six minutes is itemized for billing purposes, the self-doubt, the double-checking and freezing due to the yips wastes time and limited resources, and hurts our ability to advance.

As attorneys, of course, we can’t settle for one method of self-flagellation, we also contend with Imposter Syndrome. According to Melody Wilding, an adjunct instructor of human behavior at City University of New York, Imposter Syndrome is characterized by low professional self-esteem, stress and anxiety. In an article Wilding wrote for Inc.com titled “9 Telltale Signs You Have Impostor Syndrome,” she believes those who struggle with it (who are disproportionately women) are caught in a belief that “you are inadequate, incompetent, and a failure — despite evidence that indicates you’re skilled and successful.”

An attorney who believes himself to be an “imposter” lives in fear of being “found out” by his clients and colleagues, and while those afflicted are usually the most competent at their professions, they rarely give themselves the credit they deserve. Instead of self-talk that includes, “I did a great job on this case” or “I was good in court today,” the attorney regulates her success to other reasons she doesn’t control, including fate and luck. Any temporary elation then turns into a fear that while this case or court appearance worked out, the next one won’t.

This creates a loop that feeds on the attorney’s worst feelings and insecurities: If the lawyer fails the next time, she was right about herself — she’s a phony. If she succeeds, she is now stressed with the burden of attempting to reach that level again. The impossible position this double bind creates is that the attorney who struggles is only as good as her last performance. An attorney can have many successes, but when the inevitable failure occurs, all the past successes don’t matter at all. Unchecked, this can spiral, and render the attorney far less effective than he or she could be. Add the yips to the mix and you have a professional who is getting in his or her own way — and is not being as effective as an advocate as possible.

Feeling like an impostor or dwelling on a perceived failure is part of the gig. We hold everyone to high standards, and are extremely difficult on ourselves (and others) when we perceive that those standards aren’t being met.

There are ways to navigate this unhealthy train of thought. Talking with a confidante can help alleviate some of this work-related stress. Pay attention to your self-talk and force yourself to go easier on yourself, even if you don’t initially believe what you are telling yourself. Say a simple “thank you” when congratulated on a job well done. That’s it. “Thank you.” Not, “Thanks, but I should have [insert here a reference to whatever part of the job you didn’t do perfectly that no one but you noticed].” Just say, “Thanks.”

When you make a mistake, remember the lesson but let go of the mistake. Don’t dwell on failure. There is a significant benefit in debating when a mistake is made and putting in place a better practice to make sure you don’t do it again. However, be mindful that it doesn’t spiral into obsessing. While you may not be able to control the nature of outside events, you have internal control to be kind, forgiving and confident within yourself.

I have tried to recognize and talk frankly in my monthly articles regarding the challenges faced by those in practice. We are not alone and generally share in similar experiences. One approach in addressing our challenges is to process and share them with those we trust and who have longevity in the field. These people have adopted strategies to manage the over-stimulation, stress and anxiety that accompany the practice of law. The MCBA is a wonderful resource to build those relationships. Our newly formed Lawyer Wellness Program will also be a resource to provide information and guidance on this issue and many others. Stay tuned.
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2015 and lends his time to many community organizations. Next time you see Tyler, be sure to extend your congratulations for this prestigious honor!

If you were unable to attend the event this year, you missed the musical styling of electric string quartet Urban Electra (urbanelectra.com) during the cocktail reception and dinner. Urban Electra was simply amazing with their renditions of classic rock songs from Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones.

As the night continued, guests were issued $100 in fake casino chips to test their luck at the gaming tables in blackjack, craps and roulette. Cheers could be heard all around as guests “hit it big” at the tables. The night wrapped up with prizes being awarded to the top chip holders of the night.

An event such as this does not plan itself. The MCBA staff and YLD board members contributed significant time and effort to ensure the success of this year’s event. A special thank you goes out to all of them, as well as the 2017 Barristers’ Committee members. However, I want to give a special shout out to the chairs of this year’s event, Jennifer Elias and Loren Suco. Ladies, you pulled off an outstanding event that will definitely go into the record books for the amount of money raised for the beneficiaries. Additionally, to MCBA Development Director Lori Katzmann, you are nothing short of a rock star event planner!

The YLD is honored to put on the Barristers’ Ball each year. If you missed out on this year’s event, there will be exciting changes for next year and we hope to see you there!

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Why rule changes happen

Every year the legal community receives a new rule book, the Arizona Rules of Court, and it is typically the paralegal who will review the rules for possible changes; or like me, tab the book. Have you ever wondered why there are yearly rules changes or who can submit a proposal for a rule change? In researching these questions, I went to the Arizona Judicial Branch website (www.azcourts.gov) and I came across Rule 28, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. Rule 28 governing the process by which “… any individual, association or public agency …” may file a petition to amend, adopt, or repeal a rule. Thus, anyone can submit a petition for a rule change. The process begins with the filing of a petition by Jan. 10 for consideration at the court’s annual rule conference in September of that year with the clerk at the supreme court. Rule 28(A) explains in great detail the form a petition must take. However, the judicial branch website has a few links providing instructions and a sample petition.

The reasons for rule change petitions will depend on the petitioner. In the supreme court order dated Sept. 2, 2016, Supreme Court File No. R-16-0010, the court approved the majority of the civil rules that went into effect Jan. 1, 2017. According to attenuation A of this order, the civil rules were restyled by adding informative titles and subheadings and changing the language to “plain English.” The expectation is that the rules will be easier to understand by removing “legal jargon.”

A good example of the new wording is Rule 4(o), ARCP. Not only did the time to serve a complaint upon a defendant changed from 120 days to 90 days, some of the words also changed, making it easier to understand.

PARALEGAL DIVISION CALENDAR

May 1  CLE: Impact of President Trump’s Immigration Executive Orders
June 5  CLE: Family Law Practice: Trial Preparation, Part I
June 7  CLE: Family Law Practice: Trial Preparation, Part II
Aug. 8  CLE: Civil Practice: Trial Preparation, Part I
Aug. 22 CLE: Civil Practice: Trial Preparation, Part II
Sept. 8  15th Anniversary MCBA Paralegal Conference
Oct. 6  CLE: Bankruptcy Basics, Part I
Oct. 20 CLE: Bankruptcy Basics, Part II

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a. General Time Computation. In computing any period of time of more than 24 hours, prescribed by these rules, by order of court, or by an applicable statute, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run is not to be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than seven days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation. Whenever a party has the right or is required to take some action within a prescribed period after service of a notice or other paper and the notice or paper is served by a method authorized by Rule 5(c)(2),(C) or (D), Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, five calendar days shall be added to the prescribed period. Mailing pursuant to Arizona Rule of Civil Procedure 5(c)(2)(C) includes every type of service except same day hand delivery.

The Task Force proposes stylistic changes similar to those approved in Civil Procedure Rule 6. Below is an example of Civil Rule 6 with the restyling changes suggested for Criminal Rule 1.3.


(a) Computing Time. The following rules apply in computing any time period specified in these rules or in any local rule, court order, or statute:

(1) Day of the Event Excluded. Exclude the day of the act, event, or default that begins the period.

(2) Exclusions if the Deadline Is Less Than 11 Days. Exclude intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays if the period is less than 11 days.

(3) Last Day. Include the last day of the period unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. When the last day is excluded, the period runs until the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

(4) Next Day. The “next day” is determined by continuing to count forward when the period is measured after an event and backward when measured before an event.

When you look at the two rules above, it is clear that the new style format allows for easier reading and understanding of the rule. The subparts allow the reader to zero in on key parts of the rule they are searching for instead of reading the entire rule.

Going back to my original question of why are there rule changes, I found that rules changes are designed to help the reader understand the rule by streamlining the language. The most recent rule changes and the pending rule changes will go a long way in helping perform our duties by providing clear and concise language.

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Division meetings are held the second Monday of each month, unless the Monday is a holiday, then it will be held on Tuesday. All members are invited to attend the meeting. Our next division meeting is April 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the MCBA office. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Members are also welcome to bring their families to assist with the event. Children age 14 and older are permitted to volunteer with the member adult; children age 13 and younger can attend as a spectator with the member adult.

REGISTER TO HELP OUT TODAY! SPACES ARE LIMITED.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Andrea Marshall at amarshall@pszlaw.com

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The MCBA Paralegal Division is coordinating with the Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to provide volunteers on Saturday, May 6, 2017, for the Special Olympics Summer Games held at Raymond S. Kellis High School in Glendale.

All Members of the MCBA are Invited to Sign Up.

Volunteers will assist in the Awards Ceremony. Each volunteer will receive a SOAZ volunteer T-shirt upon check-in at the event. There is no cost to the volunteers for the event; however, volunteers who would like to donate $5 back to SOAZ for their volunteer shirt can do so when they check in.

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This is an excellent opportunity for paralegals and other legal professionals to network, earn CLE credit (total of 6 hours with 1 hour of ethics credit), interact with our valued partners and have a chance to win some great raffle prizes. We will have three breakout sessions to choose from, including a trial track and the opportunity to earn a second hour of ethics credit.

Keynote Speaker
Vince S. Goddard, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office
“The Analysis of a Death Penalty Case: Getting it Right When Life and Death are at Stake”

First Breakout Session
• Trial Track: “Did Your Lamb Turn into a Lion? Trial Preparation and Presentation Techniques for Large Complex Cases” – Tim Pignanelli, Pignanelli & Associates
• Immigration Law Topic – Sambool Dul, Perkins Coie, LLP
• Family Law: “To Have and To Hold: Drafting, Negotiating, and Challenging Premarital Agreements” – Jeff Pollitt, Law Office of Jeffrey Pollitt

Second Breakout Session
• Trial Track: “Discovery Under the New Rules: Swim Towards the Safe Harbors?” – Kenneth Withers, Deputy Executive Director of The Sedona Conference
• Bonus Ethics Session: “The Good, The Bad and The … Yeah” – Hon. William J. O’Neil, Supreme Court of Arizona

Third Breakout Session
• Trial Track: “Start Making Sense: What the Talking Heads Can Teach us About Opening Statements and Closing Arguments” – Scot Claus, Dickinson Wright
• Elder Law: “Care Planning for Parents, Spouses, Children and Clients” – Marsha Goodman, Frazer Ryan Goldberg & Arnold, LLP
• White Collar Crime (telemarketing and email scams) – Flynn Carey, Mitchell Stein Carey

General Sessions
“Game of Thorny Ethics Questions” – Patricia Sallen
“Cyber Security 101, What You Should Know” – David Grant, Associate General Counsel, Director of Privacy, Altep

House fires, abandoned law practices, substitute counsel, newly discovered evidence. There is a long list of reasons why people need copies of court records and exhibits. But how long does the clerk or other records custodian keep these? Will a copy of a name change order or marriage license be available 40 years later when someone needs it for social security verification? The answer is a traditional standoff of lawyers — it depends.

Under Arizona’s constitution, the supreme court has administrative supervision over all of Arizona’s courts — and how long to maintain records is one of those administrative policies. The court has records retention schedules for all levels of courts, from municipal and justice courts (limited jurisdiction) to superior court (general jurisdiction) and the courts of appeals and supreme court (appellate level). Each schedule defines types of records, situations that may apply to those records and sets retention periods. At the end of a retention period, the court must release some records to the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records and destroy others. Even when records are to be completely removed or destroyed, the custodian of those records can keep minimal information to verify a record once existed but was disposed of under a retention schedule.

Retention periods in superior court vary from permanent (death sentence cases) to 100 years (adoptions) to almost immediate or “reference value served” (a request for a copy of a document that is immediately provided). Arizona’s retention schedules are defined in the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) and each code section is posted online. The entire code is currently posted at www.azcourts.gov/AZ-Supreme-Court/Code-of-Judicial-Administration. The supreme court’s retention schedule is in ACJA § 2-101. The retention schedule for the courts of appeals and Divisions I and II is in ACJA § 2-201. The superior court’s retention schedule is under ACJA § 3-402 and the limited jurisdiction courts (municipal and justice) are under ACJA § 4-302. Additionally, probate records have their own records retention schedules under ACJA § 6-115.

So, are your court records still accessible? Do you need copies of records or exhibits to complete your file or provide copies to a client? You can check for newer superior court records through the clerk’s Electronic Court Record Online at https://ecr.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/login.aspx. For older records, visit a public access terminal. Even older records will require a written request and patience, as the record keeper checks its archives or microfilm and may refer you to the state library for further research. In when in doubt, check the retention schedules at the link above to prepare for what lies ahead.

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!
By Stanton James Murphy

As we become more dependent on technology for business and social interaction, it is imperative that social media examinations become an integral part of the information and evidence gathering process in support of various legal matters. While it is often not the beginning and end of the process, when used correctly, social media frequently provides the connection that allows a case to move forward and/or confirms evidence and information previously obtained through other means.

The number of social media and online profile resources is extensive; however, I have found that Facebook remains the most fruitful social media resource in gathering information, including identifying subjects, associations, family members and assets. I am going to explain how Facebook can be used to obtain information for several specific legal purposes without considering the application of digital forensic examinations.

**Identifying a profile**

A subject with a unique and/or uncommon name is easily identified by name and or location. A subject with a common name requires that additional information, such as a known family member or associate, be cross-referenced until the appropriate profile is found.

Facebook profiles set to public or semi-public allow for easy access to their “Friends” list and other personal information such as date of birth, email address, employment and phone number. Additional information about the subject can also be obtained through their comments to postings or in the comments of their friends’ postings, such as romantic relationships and residential location.

Facebook profiles set to private do not allow the viewing of current postings, “Friends” list or other personal information, but can sometimes show current/previous employer, hometown or education. A significant list of friends can still be developed through the comments and “likes” of postings that are visible to the public and, from that list, additional information can be obtained.

Once the subject’s profile has been identified, the available information and evidence of the subject and the subject’s friends can be applied appropriately. The following are recent case examples of how Facebook examinations were applied specific to a legal matter.

**Skip trace of common named subject**

A skip trace assignment required the identification and location of a witness who possessed a common name. The only other information known about the subject was her hometown. An attempt to identify the subject by name and hometown through an aggregate database provider, such as Lexis Nexis, was inconclusive. The subject’s Facebook profile, set to private, was eventually identified by name and hometown. Family members of the subject were identified through the likes and comments to her previous postings that were visible.

A family member’s Facebook profile listed their birth date. Using the family member’s date of birth through other resources, we were eventually able to identify the subject by date of birth and Social Security number. Residential addresses and contact information listed for the subject in other resources were dated. Further examination of a family member’s Facebook profile identified a recent photo of the subject who was wearing a NYPD cadet uniform. The NYPD Personnel Division confirmed the subject’s employment with NYPD and the precipitant the subject was assigned to. The subject was served a subpoena at her work location.

**Identifying a criminal activity ring**

A property development company experienced a significant number of properties burglarized over several months. Security surveillance video from several of the properties identified the license plate of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was determined to be associated with a subject we will refer to as Suspect A. A police report was filed, however, Suspect A could not be located and the police investigation was eventually closed.

Due to the nature of the robberies, it was suspected that Suspect A was either associated with an employee of the property development company or a sub-contractor/realtor associated with the burglarized properties who had detailed knowledge. Background investigations and social media examinations were conducted on Suspect A and the 25 employees of the property management company. The information was cross-referenced to determine any connection between the employees, Suspect A, his associates and approximately 200 sub-contractors and realtors.

Through Facebook profiles and developed Friends lists, we were able to establish a common connection between an employee’s boyfriend and Suspect A through a mutual friend. Further examination of the employee’s boyfriend eventually led to the location and arrest of Suspect A. Criminal charges were filed and several stolen items were recovered.

**Location of a debtor and assets**

A post-judgment asset investigation, which included a social media examination, was conducted on the subject debtor and debtor company. The debtor company had dissolved and appeared to no longer be in operation. The debtor had taken proactive steps to live anonymously and become undetectable; his location was unknown.

The subject’s Facebook profile was identified and an ex parte application to Facebook was made. Facebook profiles showed a jogging route used by the subject beginning and ending in a residential neighborhood. A physical canvas of this neighborhood located the subject’s residence through the presence of a work truck, trailer and several pieces of equipment known to be owned by the subject. We confirmed the subject was living in the residence where these items were located and further identified additional assets at the residence. Subsequent legal action was taken in an attempt to enforce the judgment, which compelled the debtor to comply.

**Conclusion**

While social media examinations can seem methodical and often lead you down a rabbit hole, due to the vast amount of information and resources, it can often produce a desired result when applied correctly. Having an understanding of social media resources and the information they provide can often mean the difference between strengthening your position and moving the legal process forward or not having enough critical information and evidence.
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Why are you a member of the MCBA?

The MCBA offers valuable networking and educational opportunities for lawyers, including bench and bar events, continuing legal education and the Maricopa Lawyer.

What do you like most about being in the legal field?

The most rewarding experiences I have had as a lawyer has been when I work collaboratively with others. One case that had a significant impact on my professional development was an antitrust lawsuit brought against many businesses in a particular industry. I was trusted with a significant role for the defense group.

If you weren’t an attorney what would you be?

It’s an exciting time to be involved in innovative technology companies, not the least of which are in the sharing economy and artificial intelligence fields. I think it would be fun to be part of executive leadership for one of these companies or on the venture capital side.

What’s the craziest job you’ve had?

Working as a big-law-firm associate is too predictable an answer, so I’ll answer the question differently. The craziest time I had in any job was working (almost) every single day during the summer of 2006.

If you were a character in a movie or TV show, which character would you be?

Without question, I would be Alex P. Keaton in “Family Ties.” I have yet to meet a member of the millennial generation who knows about this character. I just say that he’s the same guy who played Marty in “Back to the Future.”

What are your hobbies or interests?

I enjoy going to Arizona Diamondbacks games with my wife and kids. I also like taking road trips with the family. In my spare time, I try to exercise and read as much as I can.

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The importance of ethics committees (and their opinions)

By Russell Yurk

I usually devote this column to a substantive ethics topic on which I recently gave advice or that I personally encountered. However, this month, I want to talk briefly about the importance of local and national ethics committees and the opinions they issue. Many ethics rules themselves are not complex, but applying those rules to complex factual circumstances can be challenging. That is where ethics opinions become an important resource for lawyers.

For ethics opinions to be useful, they must be issued by competent ethics committees. The State Bar of Arizona has long provided an ethics committee (called the Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct). During my 12 years on the ethics committee, it was typically comprised of 25-30 individuals with varied experiences. Committee members include lawyers with experience in the public and private sectors, transactional and litigation backgrounds, and both recent and experienced members of the bar. The committee usually included a few "emeritus" members who provided vital institutional knowledge and could assist with the reasoning behind previous ethics opinions and rule amendments. Committee meetings were also attended by the State Bar Ethics Counsel, who provided excellent guidance and expertise and could also share information from ethics committees in other jurisdictions.

The ethics committee takes its obligations seriously. Its members spend countless hours researching, discussing, drafting, and revising informal and formal ethics opinions in response to questions submitted from bar members. From time to time, the ethics committee also issues sua sponte opinions on other important topics.

The committee’s opinions, although technically non-binding, provide important and well-reasoned guidance. They are not without significant respect. Opinions are not those of one or two individuals, but are the opinions of a large committee made up of lawyers knowledgeable on ethics issues. Opinions typically go through several drafts and substantive debate over several months before they are approved by the committee for publication.

Although the State Bar of Arizona is currently the only bar organization in our state with an ethics committee, lawyers in other states may have access to ethics opinions issued by committees of not only a state bar, but also country and city bar organizations. Of course, the American Bar Association also issues comprehensive ethics opinions through its Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility.

When lawyers have ethics questions, they should first look to the applicable ethics rules and should then search ethics opinions issued by the State Bar of Arizona (www.azbar.org/ethics/ethicsopinions) and the American Bar Association (www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/ethicsopinions.html). Lawyers should also consider searching ethics opinions issued by other bar organizations, but should be mindful that Arizona’s ethics rules may differ from the ABA Model Rules or the rules of other jurisdictions. I also strongly encourage all lawyers to subscribe to email notifications when new opinions are issued.

Ethics and professionalism are two fundamental concepts to the practice of every lawyer. And they are applicable every day that a lawyer practices law. I applaud the substantial time and effort volunteered by members of every ethics committee to provide useful guidance on difficult ethics issues. And I implore every lawyer to take advantage of that hard work by reviewing their opinions. It will make you a better, and more ethical, lawyer.

Russell Yurk

Russell Yurk is a partner with Jennings, Hang & Cunningham, LLP, in Phoenix. He serves as the Immediate Past Chair of DRI’s Lawyers’ Professionalism and Ethics Committee and served 12 years on the State Bar of Arizona’s Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct. He currently is a member of the Arizona Supreme Court Judicial Ethic’s Advisory Committee and is an adjunct professor of law at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. If you have a question about ethics or lawyer liability that you would like addressed in future columns, please email rry@jhc-law.com.
Maricopa County StandDown

By Shari Andersen-Head

On the weekend of Feb. 9, the community came together to help homeless and at-risk veterans resolve their court issues during the 2017 Maricopa County StandDown.

StandDown, Arizona’s largest outreach event, is an alliance of community-based organizations that provide an annual, three-day event that connects veterans with services. The services include VA health care, mental health services, clothing, meals, emergency shelter and transitional/permanent housing. More than 50 service providers delivered on-site support during this year’s event.

The Maricopa County Superior Court contributed by arranging three operational courtrooms on Friday, Feb. 10, and six operational courtrooms, running from 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Feb. 11. The event’s success was made possible by public servants.

Judge Sherry Stephens
volunteers at Maricopa County StandDown.

Justice Andrew Gould takes oath at investiture in Yuma

Justice Andrew W. Gould was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2016 for a term that began in January 2017. Although he started his judicial duties in January, he and his judicial assistant, Donna Lewandowski, wanted to have his formal investiture in his adopted hometown of Yuma, where he began his career as a public servant as a prosecuting attorney.

The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Phil Townsend, followed by an invocation by Pastor Phillip Krueger. Gov. Ducey’s Chief Counsel Mike Libardi offered some brief remarks about the selection process and Gould’s qualifications. With five of his supreme court colleagues seated on the dais, Gould stood with his wife, Connie, to be sworn in by Chief Justice Scott Bales. Then, Gould accepted a gavel presented by Brian Furraya of the State Bar of Arizona. Gould’s family then helped him put on his judicial robes.

Gould’s brother, Clifford Gould, offered some poignant remarks about his brother’s faith and told two stories about how both of them had been humbled by certain experiences. Clifford Gould wove the theme of humility throughout his remarks, reminding his brother and the hundreds assembled for the investiture of the importance of humility, regardless of how lofty or important one’s position might be.

Gould then took the podium and, with equal doses of humor and stories about starting his public service career in Yuma, he talked about life lessons, sacrifices and the role of people who inspired him to pursue his life’s work.

Gov. Ducey appointed Gould after the Arizona legislature voted and Ducey signed a bill expanding the court from five members to seven. Gould most recently served five years on Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Gould spent 11 years as a judge of the superior court in Yuma County, where he served as both associate presiding judge and presiding judge.

Gould received his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 1990 and his B.A. from the University of Montana in 1986.

Southwest Regional Court Center grand opening

Presiding Judge Janet Barton (second from right) was an invited guest and speaker at the grand opening of the Southwest Regional Court Center in Avondale. The new facility houses four justice courts.

Investiture ceremony

Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Scott Bales delivers the oath of office to Superior Court Judge Michael Blair (left).

Nominees for Arizona Court of Appeals announced

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments has recommended five nominees to Gov. Doug Ducey for two openings on Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

The nominees for the openings created by the retirement of Judge Patricia A. Orozco and the appointment of Judge Andrew W. Gould to the Arizona Supreme Court are:

Jennifer B. Campbell, Republican, a judge for Yavapai County Superior Court
Maria Elena Cruz, Democrat, a judge for Yuma County Superior Court

Mark R. Moran, Democrat, a judge for Coconino County Superior Court
Kenneth E. Moyer, Republican, sole practitioner of the Law Office of Kenneth E. Moyer, PLLC
Rick A. Williams, Republican, a judge for Mohave County Superior Court

Gov. Ducey will appoint the new judges. Division One of the Court of Appeals hears cases arising in Apache, Coconino, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai and Yuma counties.

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Effects of Merger vs.
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Once having successfully negotiated a marital settlement agreement between divorcing parties, an attorney is often confronted with the question of whether or not to merge the agreement into the decree of dissolution of marriage. This seminar will explore the option of merger vs. non-merger, the language necessary to provide for either option, the resulting effects on enforcement and modification, and the jurisdictional issues presented in either scenario.

PRESENTER: Stanley David Murray, Murray Law Offices, PC

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Recent Developments in 9th Circuit Bankruptcy Law

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Need an update on what happened in the world of bankruptcy in 2016? A panel consisting of the Honorable Edward P. Ballinger, Jr., experienced consumer and bankruptcy attorneys, and an Arizona State University professor of law will analyze, discuss and field questions regarding significant developments in 9th Circuit bankruptcy law over the last year.

PRESENTERS: Honorable Edward P. Ballinger, Jr., United States Bankruptcy Court; Anthony Cali, Stinson Leonard Street, LLP; Heather Macre, Aiken Schenk Hawkins & Ricciardi, PC; Laura Napoli Coondes, professor of law at Arizona State University; Tyler Grim, SchianWalker, PLC

LOCATION:
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APRIL 13 • 4 TO 5:30 P.M.
5:30 TO 7 P.M. RECEPTION

Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Meet the Judges and Annual Reception

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1.5 CLE credit hours available

Come meet the judicial officers of the probate/mental health department of the Maricopa County Superior Court. You will be presented with court updates, practice tips and the opportunity for an open give and take with the judges and commissioners. Immediately following the presentation will be the annual reception.

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- Judge Frank Moskowitz
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- Commissioner Terri Clarke
- Commissioner Margareta LaBianca
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MAY 5, 2017
11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.
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The Financial Distress Clinic is a rewarding and worthwhile way to give back to the legal community and provide assistance to those most in need. Please join us for a primer on the issues most commonly seen by FDC volunteers and become empowered to volunteer yourself. Distinguished panelists Thomas Allen, David Engelman and Cody Jess will engage in a panel discussion on topics such as when and why to file for bankruptcy relief, collectability of judgments and the implications of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

This CLE is FREE and includes lunch!

PRESENTERS:
Thomas Allen, Allen Barnes & Jones, PLC; Cody Jess, Schian Walker, PLC; David Engelman, Engelman Berger, PC

MAY 1, 2017 • 1 P.M. TO 2 P.M.
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Impact of President Trump’s Immigration Executive Orders

SPONSORED BY: Paralegal Division
1 CLE credit hour available

In January 2017, President Trump signed Executive Orders that impact immigration law and policy in the United States. Our presentation looks to explore the specifics of who is directly affected, the questions that these orders create and the remedies for those impacted.

PRESENTER: Ezequiel Hernandez, Ezequiel Hernandez PLLC

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Jeremy Poryes

From considering a legal career while participating on a high school civics debate team, to graduating magna cum laude from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, attorney Jeremy Poryes traveled a long road that led to his current work in the real estate department at Ballard Spahr. Along the way, he learned of the pro bono work Arizona attorneys do through the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP). Just as he excelled in his pursuit of a legal career, Poryes has excelled in community service, so the VLP is pleased to honor him as its “Attorney of the Month.”

A native of California, Poryes completed his undergraduate studies at the University of California – Davis, earning a B.A. in economics. During a short hiatus between undergraduate studies and law school, he enjoyed a unique job as a production assistant for the Disney Channel show “Hannah Montana.”

“It was fun,” he says, “I was a runner of sorts for the writers who were sequestered during the day; and I delivered each day’s script to various people at night.”

Fortunately for the clients who benefit from his work as a lawyer, the stints of Hollywood did not call to Poryes. It was 2015 when he heard the call to join VLP. “VLP director Pat Gerrich made a lunch hour visit to Ballard Spahr,” he recalls. “She described the various ways local attorneys participate in serving people of limited means with their civil legal problems. I recognized how unaffordable legal services are to most of the population. VLP is a great opportunity to offer legal help to those who otherwise would be put in jail,” Poryes says. “I’m able to tell them there is no such thing as debtor’s prison. Often they are people without income or assets that can be garnished. When I educate them about what it means to be legally ‘collection proof’, their relief is palatable.”

Among people he has helped were a husband and wife who had purchased a used vehicle, the salesperson assured them was in great shape. Poryes describes the situation: “It was the common lemon car deal. A week later, the car broke down and they found themselves out of the $2,000 they’d paid and unable to afford a replacement. Through persistence and threatening litigation, we convinced the dealer to return half of the purchase price.”

Every outstanding volunteer believes they receive as much, or more, than they give. In that way, Poryes is not an exception, but he does have one very personal motivation. “I want to stop speaking in legalese,” he says. “My communication skills are enhanced by communicating legal concepts to the clients in plain language.”

In addition to the pro bono work he undertakes through the VLP, Poryes participates in Will’s for Heroes Arizona through the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education. When talking about his volunteer endeavors, he expresses gratitude for the support and encouragement he receives. “My wife, who is a prosecutor for the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, couldn’t be more supportive when I’m absent from dinner because I conduct VLP interview clinics in the evening,” he says. “Ballard Spahr fully supports my pro bono efforts. For example, they provide billable hour credit for my pro bono time. I’m honored to receive VLP’s award.”

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**PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT ON CURRENT NEED**

The Volunteer Lawyers Program provided $3,285,147 in economic benefit to families through cases completed during 2016. Thanks to all who participated and supported VLP!

**VLP ATTORNEY OF THE MONTH**

Jeremy Poryes

Attorney honored for commitment to community service

By Peggi Cornelius, VLP Programs Coordinator

of an incapacitated adult to a contract dispute to a homeownership issue. The most frequent concerns are related to debt the applicant has incurred through misfortune, such as debilitating health problems, or the inability to obtain gainful employment.

“I find it gratifying to explain the legal system, especially to those who are not familiar with it. Seeing people being sued for a debt is the end of the world, because they think they can be put in jail,” Poryes says.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Friday, May 5, 2017, the Scottsdale Bar Association will host its annual golf tournament. This year, in honor of its former president, the Fenon McDonough Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the TPC Champions Course.

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Arizona Summit Law School (Summit) and one of the nation’s premier Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Bethune-Cookman University (B-CU) announced the signing of an affiliation agreement. The affiliation would establish an HBCU presence beyond the traditional geographical boundaries of these institutions. This agreement is a project to increase access to quality legal education for eligible students.

“This agreement is a significant step toward these goals. Together, we aim to be a leading force in disrupting a legacy of exclusion that has persisted into the 21st century,” said B-CU President Edison O. Jackson.

Summit President Donald Lively noted, “B-CU’s presence in the Far West is a landmark moment in higher education. B-CU not only redefines the HBCU model, but positioning itself into being a major force and role model in higher education generally.”

The affiliation builds upon a relationship that already provides for early admission of B-CU students to Summit, a Pre-Law Incentive, and plans a consortium of HBCUs committed to goals of diversification and inclusivity. The schools also are exploring international programs and initiatives that will focus upon underdeveloped and developing nations in areas of the world where American law schools have not established a presence.

HONORS & AWARDS

Jean-Jacques (J) Cabou, a partner in Perkins Coie’s White Collar & Investigations practice, is the recipient of NARAL Pro-Choice Arizona’s 2017 Trust AZ Women Award. The award honors an individual in Arizona who has worked to defend the rights of women to make their own family-building and healthcare decisions. It was presented to Cabou during the organization’s annual gala on Jan. 26.

The Arizona chapter of NARAL Pro-Choice America honored Cabou for his commitment over many years defending Camelback Family Planning, a Phoenix clinic that provides abortions and other medical care. The clinic had been the target of various government investigations, most recently an investigation in which the office of Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich demanded the names and records of certain patients who had abortions there. In November 2016, Cabou sued the attorney general’s office to enjoin that investigation, alleging that the investigation was improperly motivated by an animus toward the constitutionally guaranteed right to abortion.

In January 2017, in response to the suit, the attorney general’s office dropped its demand and closed its investigation.

Quarles & Brady, LLP, announced that Phoenix office was honored by the YWCA of Metro- politan Phoenix with its “Women’s Empowerment Award” during the organization’s annual Tribute to Leadership Gala, which took place on Feb. 17 at the Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch.

According to the YWCA, the awards program aims to recognize businesses within the community who embody their mission to eliminate racism and empower women. Quarles & Brady was selected to receive the Women’s Empowerment Award because the firm’s ongoing support for women in the community is as far-reaching as it is impactful.

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