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Greetings Omaha Bar Association Members – and so the Fall begins anew with a new season of Omaha Bar Association events – welcome back! On our 126th year, as always we have a number of events planned this year and look forward to providing a great opportunity for our members to associate with one another and continue the traditions of the OBA.

Get Involved – Start Somewhere
For all members – longstanding and new, if you don’t know what the OBA provides, get involved. There are multiple ways to participate in the OBA and learn what we have to offer. We have various committees including Lawyer Referral Service Committee, Solo/Small Firm Committee, Law Day Committee and Public Service Committee to name a few. Our Young Lawyers Division is active as well. As I look among our present and past leadership of the OBA, our senior member lawyers and our judiciary, many of them served on an OBA committee and still participate in some way supporting the OBA. Our committees are always looking for new members and each chairs’ contact information is listed on the OBA website.

Mentor Someone
You will hear more from our Executive Director, Dave Sommers, over the coming months on our OBA mentor program which has been ongoing over the past couple of years. This is a great opportunity for lawyers of all levels of experience to develop a trusted friend and practice mentor. The success of this program is a direct result of the generosity of our members. Whether you have mentored someone at your office, firm or in your employ, take advantage of the program as I know from personal experience it will be of great reward.

Let Us Know
As we continue our great traditions and service to you, please let us know what we can do to better support you, as our members, and continue to cultivate the success of the last 126 years. We look forward to a great year and hope that you will join us as we start out again at the 45th Annual OBA Kickoff BBQ on Thursday, September 10th. Thank you for your continued participation in the OBA.

John Menicucci
2015-2016 President

Heard Around the Watercooler…
“There are some very lucrative cases being reported as the result of Lawyer Referral Service consultations lately!”

Donna Birkby
OBA Lawyer Referral Service Director

Please call Donna at (402)280-3606 for more information.
New OBA Leadership
The OBA wants to welcome the following OBA Members into their new roles in OBA leadership. When you see them at events, congratulate them!

Patrick McNamara
OBA Secretary

Larry Roland
OBA Treasurer-Elect

Monica Freeman
OBA Executive Council

Natasha Preston
OBA Executive

William Acosta-Trejo
OBA Executive Council

Hon. Douglas Johnson
OBA President-Elect

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John Menicucci, Jr., President
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Larry Roland, Treasurer-Elect
Patrick McNamara, Secretary
Douglas Law, Immediate Past-President
Richard P. McGowan, Immediate Past-Treasurer

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Aaron D. Weiner (2013-2016)
Monica L. Freeman (2015-2017)
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Executive Director’s Column

It’s been quite a while since the last newsletter; the OBA has so many people to thank!

For their help organizing the Law Day 2015 Lunch on the topic of the anniversary of the Magna Carta, thank you to Law Day Committee co-chairs Doug Law and John Menicucci, and Committee members Lynda Henningsen, Lorraine Boyd, Hon. Lyle E. Strom, Jean Roeder, Larry Roland, Carol Sperry, Valenta Saavedra, Tom Tilden, Nicole Day, Jennifer Colwell, and Ann Miller. Thank you to Don Kleine and Kelly Steenbock for their participation in the Mock Trial, and thank you to past Iowa State Bar Association President Nick Critelli for speaking at the Law Day Lunch.

Thank you to our Memorial Day Committee for their work in putting on this year’s memorial service honoring those attorneys who have passed in the previous year. Thank you to Committee Chair Bob Mooney and Committee members Hon. Thomas Thalken, Michael Scahill, Tom Shomaker, Stacy Morris, Nancy Svoboda, Bill Birkel, Hon. Todd Hutton, Matt Lathrop, Hon. J. Michael Coffey, and Hon. Stephen Swartz. Thank you as well to Sean Conway and the Omaha Barristers for ushering the service, and to The Daily Record for printing the programs.

As the calendar turned to June, the annual Field Day event didn’t disappoint, even if the golf games of some of the attendees did. (You know who you are!) A big thanks to Judge Coffey for chairing the event again, to Judge Dan Morris and Aaron Weiner for organizing the tennis, to Bill Stockdale for organizing the trap shoot, and to Jerry Friedrichsen for getting commitments for the Hole-In-One prize money. And of course, Field Day wouldn’t be Field Day without the wonderful Jean Roeder and Sheila Benson working check in with Donna Birkby and Mary Easley, and Bonnie Kudron and Sherry Mitchell assisting with dinner check in. This year saw the addition of sponsors for the event to help cover the costs of the hole and low team score prizes awarded, and we appreciate the support of Union Bank and Trust, Kutak Rock, Dornan Lustgarten & Troia, McNamara Law Firm, and Fraser Stryker. Thank you to all of you!

At the end of June, the OBA Executive Council and past presidents had a reception to thank all the outgoing members of leadership for their service to the Bar, and to welcome in the newest elected leaders. Outgoing were Stu Dornan, Dick Lydick, Brandie Fowler, and Anne Marie O’Brien. Incoming are Hon. Doug Johnson, Larry Roland, Patrick McNamara, Monica Freeman, and Natasha Preston. Will Acosta-Trejo finished his work as Secretary and is continuing on in a leadership capacity as an Executive Council Member. I’m proud to have worked with all the outgoing leaders, am extremely grateful to all their work for the Omaha Bar Association. Thank you. This last year with Doug Law as the president of the OBA has been a good one, and when you see Doug at an event, please thank him for all he did last year. To the incoming leaders: welcome, and we look forward to having you on board! I’d also like to thank Nickie Hanson for her steadfast leadership over the Young Lawyers Division for the last two years as chair.

The year ahead is full of great events and offerings by the OBA. Omaha has the benefit of a very collegial and supportive community of attorneys, and I’m excited to be able to support and serve that community. I hope you are excited too.

We appreciate your Membership!
ON THE MOVE

Kutak Rock welcomes Kerry Winterer and Christopher Bikus as of counsel, and Maxwell Crawford, Meaghan Gandy, Wesley Goranson, and Ryan Portwood as associates; Jackson Lewis is pleased to announce that Jessica Källström-Schreckengost has joined the firm as an associate; Creighton University School of Law welcomes new Dean Paul McGreal; McGrath North welcomes Amy Bagge, Austin Bradley, Luke Holst, and Elizabeth Bruening Smith to the firm; and Dvorak & Donovan welcomes John Proskoski, Kendra Ringenberg, and Laura Essay to the firm.

CORRECTION: In the May OBA Newsletter, Doug Amen was incorrectly announced as joining the Douglas County Public Defender’s Office. Mr. Amen joined the Douglas County Attorney’s Office.

MILESTONES

Congratulations to Aaron Johnson being named managing partner at Stinson Leonard Street; Stinson Leonard also congratulates Robert Ginn, Nora Kane, John Katelman, Patrick Turner on being named 2015 Great Plains Super Lawyers, and Brandon Dickerson, and David Lutz on being named 2015 Great Plains Rising Stars; Congratulations to Husch Blackwell attorneys Michaelle Baument, Michael Degan, David Gardels, and Todd Richardson on being named to 2015 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business; Jackson Lewis congratulates Amy Peck on her re-election to the American Immigration Lawyers Association’s Board of Governors and congratulates Kelvin Berens, Joseph Dreesen, Christopher Hoyme, Randal Limbeck, Timothy Loudon, and Chad Richter for being named to the 2015 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business; Fraser Stryker congratulates Mark Laughlin on becoming a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America; First National Bank’s Wealth Management names David Amen as Director of Trust Services in Lincoln; the OBA congratulates Judges Caniglia and Troia on their retirements from the bench; Koenig|Dunne Divorce Law is pleased to announce that Philip Katz was named one of the Top Ten Attorneys under 40 for the State of Nebraska by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys (NAFLA); Baird Holm congratulates R.J. (Randy) Stevenson on being elected Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers; the OBA congratulates the Douglas County Public Defender’s Office on 100 years of service; Congratulations to past OBA President Mike Kinney on his receiving the NSBA Visionary Award; Congratulations to the following graduates of NSBA’s Leadership Academy Class for 2014-2015: William Acosta-Trejo, James Boesen, JoAnna Dewald, Jessica Douglas, Jodie McGill, Nickie Hanson, Philip Kleine, Angela Loder, Angela Madathil, Tanya Morrison, Patrice Ott, Kathryn Putnam, Dawn Roth, Brian Schumacher, Chad Swantz, and David Tarrell.

FAREWELL: The OBA wants to wish a fond farewell to Past President Hon. Dan Morris, who is moving to Connecticut and will continue his work as an immigration judge there. We will miss you!

ATTENTION ATTORNEYS:

Be proactive - get your clients help before they see the judge!

National Safety Council, Nebraska programs are used by the Douglas County Court and approved by the state of Nebraska Probation Department for diversion and probation.

PROBATION OPPORTUNITIES

DUI First Offender Program (English & Spanish)
10 hours, two 3 1/2 hour sessions 6pm-9:30pm and one 3 hour session 6pm-9pm.................................Tuition: $169 Includes Victim Impact Panel.

DIVERSION OPPORTUNITIES

Alcohol Education/Minor in Possession (English & Spanish)
8 hours, one session, 8am-5pm .......................................Tuition: $79

Adult Anger Management
9 hours, three sessions, 6pm-9pm.................................Tuition: $119 Spanish Adult Anger Management (call for details)

Juvenile/Teen Anger Management
9 hours, three sessions, 6pm-9pm ..............................Tuition: $79

Appropriate Decision Making for Adults
8 hours, one session, 8am-5pm ...............................Tuition: $99 Spanish Decision Making for Adults (call for details)

Appropriate Decision Making for Teens
8 hours, one session 8am-4pm or two sessions 6pm-10pm.....................................................Tuition: $79

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Law Day 2015 Celebrates Our Freedoms Built on the Magna Carta

Luncheon speaker Barrister Nick Critelli speaks of the significance of the Magna Carta.

Doug Law addresses the crowd. Bob Freeman accepts the Robert M. Spire Public Service Award from Judge Strom.

Doug Law and Jean Roeder with the OLPA Essay Winners. Doug Law and Nicole Day with the NePA Poster Winners.
Law Day for the Kids

This lawyer won the hearts and minds of this happy group of 5th graders.

Andy Wilson of Gross & Welch law firm was one of three dozen lawyers who visited metro area classrooms as part of the Law Day activities of the Omaha Bar Association. Students from two 5th grade classes at Omaha Public Schools’ Edison Elementary School filled Mrs. Monica White-Wynne’s classroom.

October Membership Dinner

Wednesday, October 28
Champions Run
Reception -- 5:30-6:30PM
Dinner -- 6:30-7:45PM
Octoberfest Themed / Welcome to New Attorneys
$30 for OBA Members/$35 for Guests

Come welcome the newly licensed attorneys into the practice of law in Omaha! Featured guest U.S. District Court Senior Judge Joseph Bataillon will pass on words of wisdom through stories and jokes as only Joe can.

B.B. Wolf and Curly Pig had their day in court at the OBA Law Day Mock Trial. Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine and Federal Public Defender Kelly Steenbock represented the parties to the lawsuit in the courtroom of the Hon. Lyle E. Strom.

A huge group of 4th grader visitors at the Big Bad Wolf v. Curly Pig trial were not of one mind when it came to the verdict. The jury found for Ms. Pig while the rest of the students favored Mr. Wolf.
OBA Fall Kickoff BBQ Turns 45!  #FallKickoffBBQTurns45

The OBA will launch its 2015-2016 year of activities with its annual Fall Kickoff BBQ on Thursday, September 10, at First National Bank, 14010 FNB Parkway.

This is the 45th year of the Kickoff BBQ, and the OBA is very thankful to exclusive sponsor First National Bank for hosting the event all these years. Kickoff Chair Tom Gaughen has been in charge of hosting duties for 34 years, and Nancy Lazier continues to do a wonderful job making sure the event goes off without a hitch. This year looks to be another hit, with Hap Abraham Catering providing a full barbecue menu for hungry OBA members.

The event will run from 5:30-8:00 p.m., and is expected to draw hundreds of local attorneys and dozens of members of the judiciary, as it has in years past. The Kickoff is open to all OBA members, but no guests. The cost is $20 per person.

Reservations can be made through the OBA website or by emailing Dave Sommers at dave@omahabarassociation.com.

PLANNING to attend the NSBA Annual Meeting in October? If so, check out the OBA Young Lawyers Division CLE on the morning of Friday, October 9th, entitled “Succession Planning for Business Owners.”

The topic is timely as baby boomers look to retire and pass the torch to the next generation.

More information can be found at www.nebar.com.
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First National Bank
John Menicucci (right) presenting a crystal gavel to Doug Law in recognition of his year as president. Not pictured was Doug tossing John the keys to the OBA car for sitting OBA president, a 1978 Ford Pinto (lovingly referred to as the Prez’s Pinto), telling John, “Don’t worry, I brought ‘er back with a full tank of gas.”

From left, Dick Lydick and his wife, Lynda Henningsen, Stu Dornan and J. Terry Macnamara.

Monica Freeman, John Menicucci, Nick Konen and Nickie Hanson.

Past Presidents, present and accounted for.

OBA Prez’s Pinto

Business Mediator
I have enjoyed counseling clients on their rights and strategic options for more than 20 years. I welcome the opportunity to help smart lawyers find their client’s best alternative to litigation.

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Nebraska Paralegal Association News

By: Kimberly Brown, ACP

The Nebraska Paralegal Association ("NePA") held its 2015 Mid-Year Meeting and Seminar on April 24, 2015 at Mahoney State Park. Jess Evers, a Project Manager for Nebraska.gov kicked off the morning presentations. Ms. Evers provided a thorough walk-through of the e-Filing services provided through the Nebraska.gov website. After fielding several questions from the engaged audience, Jess offered a sneak peek of some future-state upgrades that are just around the corner. Member feedback highly praised this presentation for its relevance and visual aids. Then, Mr. Brent Wolzen, Esq. from the Wolzen Law Office shared his expertise on “The Changing Immigration Climate”. His accounts of various cases he handled over the years and the interpretation and application of immigration laws were informative and thought provoking. After NePA’s Membership meeting and a great mid-day meal provided by Beacon Hills Catering of Lincoln, Donna J. Robinson, an IT Support Specialist (Baird Holm LLP), swept away any post-lunch sleepiness with her presentation on “Legal Application Technology Tips”. No stranger to presenting her vast technology know-how, Donna demonstrated enough tricks and short-cuts that everyone left the seminar with something new to try in the office. Closing out the day, Trial Lawyer, Todd D. Bennett (Rehm, Bennett & Moore Attorneys at Law P.C., L.L.O.) gave a well-organized “Workers’ Compensation Overview” that encompassed everything from Workers’ Comp Defenses and Coverage to the accepted values of specific body parts and Vocational Rehabilitation.

If you missed the Mid-Year Seminar, please join NePA for its Recognition Breakfast, Annual Meeting and Fall Seminar on September 17th and 18th at UNO’s T h o m s o n Center. NePA will start the two-day event with its annual Recognition Breakfast for Nebraska Paralegals. Every year NePA invites paralegals, attorneys, and law firm management from across the State to attend the Recognition Breakfast. Following the Breakfast, NePA will conduct its formal business in its Annual Meeting and Officer Elections. Then, NePA provides top notch speakers for its Fall Seminar. Paralegals have the opportunity to earn CLE hours at the Fall Seminar. This year, our topics include cybersecurity, elder abuse within the banking system, forensic science, disability rights, same sex-marriage laws, and free legal research. The event registration fee is $65 for both days for members, $85 for non-members, $30 for student members and $45 for non-member students. Rates for only one of the days are also available. Visit our website at http://nebraskaparalegal.org for more details.

NePA’s members Laurie Vik, ACP, of HDR, Inc., Carla Larson, ACP, and Thomas Tilden, ACP, of West Corp co-hosted a CLE event, “Attorneys, Paralegals, and the Unauthorized Practice of Law,” with Nebraska Bar Association's Shela Shanks, Director of the Nebraska Supreme Court’s Attorney Admissions & Counsel for Unauthorized Practice of Law on May 20, 2015 at the Scott Conference Center. The event was attended by paralegals and attorneys from across the state, both in person and online.

The Legal Beagles, NePA’s Relay for Life of Sarpy County Team raised $2,939.24 for the walk held in May! The team held a bake sale, sold luminaries, and also cards and stationary to raise money for its contribution in Sarpy County’s fight against cancer. The event itself is filled with fun, laughter, tears, and joy in celebrating those who have both won and lost the cancer battle through the survivor walk and the luminary ceremony. In total, the Relay for Life of Sarpy County raised $121,467.45. Please feel free to join us next year for this great event!

NePA’s District I held its summer luncheons on May 27, 2015 and June 24, 2015. In May, Chris Watson, Director of Recruitment and Operations of CASA for Douglas County and Laurie Nelson, Paralegal at Lanson, Dugan and Murray, a CASA Volunteer and CASA Peer Coordinator presented “CASA For Douglas County.” In June, Mark Langan, Retired Omaha Police Officer and Best-Selling Author of Bust- ing Bad Guys, My True Crime Stories of Bookies, Drug Dealers, and Ladies of the Night, shared some of his stories with the luncheon attendees, including a fatality involving a drug dealer. Mr. Langan also had his book available for purchase at the luncheon and donated a percentage of the profit to the Kerrie Orozco family fund. NePA’s District 2 Quarterly Lunch Meeting will be held on August 12, 2015 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at Rembolt Ludtke, LLP in Lincoln. Please contact Barbara Levos at blevos@remboltlawfirm.com for registration details.

For more information on NePA events, membership and career opportunities, visit our website, read our e-zine the In Brief on our website at www.nebraskaparalegal.org, and check us out on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Nebraska-Paralegal-Association-NePA/101739993223184.
2015 OBA Memorial Day
Honoring the attorneys we have lost in the past year

The Memorial Service is sponsored annually by the Omaha Bar Association and the Omaha Barristers’ Club.
Law Practice Product Review
MyCase Law Practice Management Software

By Patrick McNamara

A few months ago our office began using MyCase. MyCase bills itself as “Web-based legal practice management software built for the modern law firm.”

Previously our office managed all documents and correspondence through a relatively organized series of folders divided by client name and document type. If I needed to work on a document at home on an evening or weekend, I had to make sure I emailed it to myself before leaving the office. Communications with my staff regarding client matters would take place through email (and the correspondence often would not end up in the client file where it naturally belonged).

MyCase addresses those significant inefficiencies; it centralizes and organizes all documents, communications and billing into one place, accessible anywhere in the world through a slick website and apps for iPhone/iPad/Android devices. The website has design feel much like Facebook, allowing users to (confidentially) share comments on everything from the status of uploaded documents, invoices, or whether an assigned task has been completed.

The interface is intuitive. There is an overview page that MyCase calls the “Dashboard” which shows information such as the status of all outstanding invoices, recently completed work, outstanding tasks/reminders, and upcoming events. Clicking on a case name will show an overview of everything going on with a particular case, from recently completed work, to outstanding tasks, and outstanding invoices.

One particular feature that shows the thought and detail put into the MyCase’s system design is the “add item” tab. This feature allows you to enter a billing time entry, upload documents, create a task or reminder, send a message, or add an appointment – all without ever leaving whatever page you’re currently working on and losing your momentum on a case, what I call your “file flow.”

MyCase also allows you to give clients access to their individual case files, either completely or limited to particular documents within the file. This is especially useful when dealing with a savvy client who can assist in moving his or her case along. So far I’ve found clients have been extremely impressed with this feature.

MyCase also handles billing and invoicing much better than other systems I’ve used in the past, and is clearly designed specifically for attorneys. Other billing software I used in the past struggled with billing on an ongoing relationship, where work is being continually done and payments are being made on a regular basis. Clients can log in and make credit card payments, streamlining and speeding up much of the invoicing/billing/payments process.

Customer Service is excellent with MyCase. You can get a knowledgable person on the phone instantly, and they’re always happy to help. They update the system on a daily or weekly basis, and many of the updates are a direct result of them listening to customer feedback.

MyCase is a product I intend to use for years to come, and I highly recommend it to other solo and small firm practitioners.

MyCase is priced competitively at $39/month for attorneys and $29/month for additional staff members. Additionally, members of the NSBA receive a discount, and discounts are available for referrals.

Lawyer Referral Service

The OBA Lawyer Referral Service is seeking additional attorneys in the following practice areas:
- Federal Worker’s Compensation
- Federal and General Employment Law
- School Law
- Municipal Law
- Administrative Law
- Foreclosure

Please call Donna at (402)280-3606 for more details.

If you are aware of anyone within the Nebraska legal community (lawyers, law office personnel, judges, courthouse employees or law students) who suffers a sudden, catastrophic loss due to an unexpected event, illness or injury, the NSBA’s SOLACE Program can likely assist that person in some meaningful way.

Contact Mike Kinney at mkinney@ctagd.com and/or Liz Neeley at lneeley@nebar.com.

We appreciate your Membership!
By Dave Sommers

Upon starting at the OBA office three years ago in June, one of the first boxes I came across was unmarked, but bursting at the seams with photographs dating back to 1980. In looking through the pictures, I recognized many of the same faces that I continue to see at OBA events to this day. Marking the box “Archive Project”, I put it aside and focused my efforts on the OBA website, digital newsletter, Young Lawyers Division, and other, more pressing objectives.

However, as the years have passed, the project nagged me as one needing to be done, not necessarily for the future of the OBA, but rather as a remembrance and appreciation for the past of the organization. So many memories, and so many attorneys have stepped up and been active in the OBA over the years, and we need to memorialize all those good times we’ve had. Isaac Newton once said, “If I see further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.” Likewise, all that the Omaha Bar Association currently is and hopes to do in the future is because of those who have come before us, the giants of the past 125 years of the organization.

And so with the power of digital scanning and thanks to the thorough organization skills of former OBA Executive Director Mardee Korinek-Johnston, the Omaha Bar Association is excited to announce the forthcoming OBA Historical Archive, to be accessible on the OBA website for members only. The Archive will include hundreds of photos from past OBA events and member directories. It is the hope that OBA members will appreciate this resource as a link to past Omaha Bar Association activities and memories.

In the meantime, we’ve decided to give you all a little taste of the wonderful photos we have in the Archive. Look at that hair, those glasses, that youth! The following is a group of photos taken for the OBA Member Directory of 1985, and all of those pictured are still active members of the OBA. Think you can name all the attorneys? Give it a shot. The answer key is located upside down on Page 16.
IDENTITIES REVEALED

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*Editor’s Note: Dave Sommers would like to preemptively apologize to any attorney pictured who is embarrassed by how they looked 30 years ago, and upon request will provide as restitution a similarly embarrassing photo from his own childhood.

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YLD PUB QUIZ WINNERS

The winning “Super Law” team, was made up of members Hannah Wooldridge of Slowiaczek|Albers|Astley; attorney Sarah Hart; T.W. Huntington, estate planning attorney at Security National Bank; and Andrew Cumbee of Securities America Inc. Pub Quizzes are an activity of the Young Lawyers Division of the OBA, although all members are welcome.

21st Annual “Lunch with Fenner”
November 11, 2015
Creighton University Harper Center Ballroom
11:45AM – 1:00PM
.5 Hour CLE pending for NE and IA
Register at www.omahabarassociation.com

OBA Lawyer Referral Service Annual December CLE
“Technology You Should Be Using But Aren’t”
Friday, December 11, 2015
1:30-4:05PM
Omaha Marriott (Regency)
2.5 Hours CLE pending for NE and IA
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Featured Speaker: H. Dan Smith,
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Securities Law Enforcement:
Recent Trends and Current Priorities
Developed with the Denver Regional Office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and Creighton University School of Law

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Registration: 11:45 AM • Seminar (including lunch) 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Creighton University Law Center, Room 122
2500 California Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska 68178

CLE Credit: 1 hour approved for NE and IA
Cost: $10 per person

DESCRIPTION
SEC Chair White has refined her plans to deploy the full enforcement arsenal, while the DOJ, CFTC, and the Nebraska Bureau of Securities have pursued robust enforcement initiatives. This panel of top regulators will provide their views of current enforcement trends, including:

- Enforcement priorities — civil, criminal, and regulatory
- Legal and policy developments
- Litigation developments
- Parallel civil and criminal investigations

DESTINGUISHED PANELISTS:

Julie Lutz, Regional Director, Denver Regional Office, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission
Jan Sharp, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Securities Fraud Coordinator for the District of Nebraska
Mike Cameron, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Banking & Finance, Bureau of Securities
Chuck Marvine, Deputy Director and Regional Administrator, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

MODERATOR:
Tom Krysa, Associate Regional Director, Division of Enforcement, Denver Regional Office, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

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Event cancellations received 48 hours or more prior to the start of an event may receive a refund.

Substitutions for paid registrations are accepted. Credit vouchers are transferable.

No shows will not receive a refund. No shows requesting refunds due to emergency or hardship must be received in writing no more than 30 days after the event date.

Special accommodations can be made by contacting Creighton University School of Law.

*Course materials will be provided in electronic format only and are accessible with your laptop or other mobile device during the event. Final course materials will be posted prior to the event at www.omahabarassociation.com. Go to the CLE tab and select the event from the dropdown menu.

**On-site registrations are welcome; however, seating and/or meals cannot be guaranteed unless you pre-register.
Meet a Young Lawyers Division Member

Larry Roland, OBA Treasurer-Elect
Associate at Gross & Welch

Q. Tell us a little about your childhood.
LR: I was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, the second oldest of 15 kids.

Q. What jobs did you have before your legal career?
LR: How much time do you have? (Laughs) I drove trucks through college, dropping out for 2 weeks at the start of my senior year to do it full-time. I worked at think tanks and a 24/7 political news cable network on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. I was part of the dotcom bubble in broadband entertainment; managed a seven-studio, 5-truck television production company. I also sold coins on TV; stocked shelves for Coca-Cola; was a Series 7 & 63 licensed customer service representative for TD Ameritrade; and was a stay-at-home dad.

Q. Describe the Omaha legal community as you see it.
LR: I liken the Omaha legal community to those on-campus student fairs from our college days. Dozens of organizations – each with their own message, clientele, and goals – all trying to make themselves, their group, and their members better at something.

Q. Why have you become so active in the Omaha Bar Association?
LR: I am of the belief that each of us owes something back – what that is and to whom it is owed is different from person to person. “Law” is my sixth career and I owe my family and the law a debt of gratitude for allowing me to become a part of it. I will repay this debt by being the best lawyer I can be and by helping promote the law anyway I can. I didn’t know where to begin to try promoting the law; luckily, the OBA found me. I was asked by Stephen Achelpohl of the Gross & Welch firm to assist with the Public Service Committee. After our first meeting I was hooked. Along with a few other groups, I think the OBA is the perfect vehicle for the promotion of the law in Omaha. From Public Service to Lawyers in the Classroom to Treasurer, and any other role I am asked to fulfill, I will serve the OBA in any capacity to keep repaying my debt.

Q. When not billing clients, what do you enjoy doing?
LR: Outside of law, I like hanging out with as many family members and friends as possible.

Q. What do you see yourself doing in five years?
LR: In the next five years I hope to still be learning something new about the law every day.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
Civil Jury Verdicts will be back next issue.
OBA Field Day Enjoys Perfect Weather Again!

2015 OBA Field Day Golf Results:

1st: Mark Enenbach/Jake Enenbach/Tom McGowan/John Grant (49)
2nd: Patrick Turner/Aaron Johnson/Drew Sova/Mike Mullen (55)
3rd: Matt Eck/Greg Galles/Ken Smith/Tom Braddy (55)

Last First Flight: Dave Christensen/Jamie Hurst/David Wilson/Ari Riekes (63)

Second Flight:
1st: Matt Reilly/Bill Foley/Andrew Huettner/Nick Sullivan (64)
2nd: Tim Himes/Marty Conboy/Marty Conboy IV/Mike Matukewicz (66)
3rd: Dennis Thomte/Gene Hillman/Dave Woodke/Dennis Mullin (66)

Last Second Flight: Clay Rogers/Aaron Smeall /H. Daniel Smith (Winners of the Out of Bounds Blazer) (77)

Hole Prizes:
1 Longest Putt – Andy Sibbernsen
2 Closest in 3 – Joel Carney
3 Closest in 1 – Dan Hassing
4 Closest in 2 – Mike Mooney
5 Closest Chip From Off the Green – Tom McGowan
6 Longest Drive in Fairway – Jim Connor
7 Longest Putt – Katilyn Boone
8 Closest in 1 – Kate Putnam
9 Closest in 2 – Dick Lydick/Judge Coffey
10 Closest in 3 – Drew Sova
11 Longest Putt – Mike Storey
12 Closest in 1 – Dan Morris
13 Longest Drive in Fairway – Aaron Johnson
14 Close in 2 – Warren Whitted
15 Close in 2 – Marty Conboy
16 Close in 1 – Jon Brown
17 Longest Putt – Vicki Buter
18 Longest Drive in Fairway – Andrew Biehl

Tennis Results:
Singles Champion: Joe Lopez-Wilson
Doubles Champion: Joe Lopez-Wilson & Don Furlough
By Hon. Robert Burkhard (Ret.)

As a cub reporter for the Omaha Bar Association Newsletter, I think I have a great background for this job. After all, I was the sports editor of the Benson High News back in the dark ages (1946). That year the ferocious Benson Bunnies basketball team went to the state tournament. In the first round, they beat Norfolk 7 to 4. Yes, that was the final score. That game was about as exciting as a world-class chess match. Thank goodness for the invention of the shot clock in the 1950s! One of the stars for Benson was the late Bob Berkshire—a friend, lawyer, family man, scholar, and all around athlete.

I graduated from Creighton Law School in 1952 and, after two years in the Army at “beautiful” Fort Leonard Wood, and three years with an insurance company, I began the practice of law in 1957. In 1980 I was fortunate enough to be appointed as a judge in Douglas County District Court by Governor Charles Throne. I was on the bench from February 1980 until my retirement exactly 25 years later. It was a great job!

What has changed over the years? The biggest change is easy: in 1952 I was 24, and now I’m 87!
Omaha Legal Professionals Association (OLPA)

By: Valentina Saavedra, President

Omaha Legal Professionals Association enjoyed our summer social at Rockbrook’s Friday Night Outdoor Series this year on July 10th. We all really appreciated the music performed by The Confidentials, as well as the opportunity to relax and mingle with our fellow legal professionals and their friends and families.

Prior to OLPA’s Social, former OLPA member Katie Burley of Children’s Hospital did an awesome job presenting to our group on “Common Hospital & Medical Clinic Guardianship/Consent Issues.” The meeting was held at Children’s Hospital & Medical Center’s beautiful, kid-friendly facility.

In May, we toured the Omaha Street School for our general membership meeting. The school’s mission is to empower the lives of at risk youth through personalized education, life skills training, and a moral code in a Christ-centered environment.

The school was founded by John Parsons, who volunteered his time to a similar school in Colorado while serving as Colorado’s Assistant Attorney General in the 1990’s. He now serves as the school’s Executive Director. Although most of John Parsons legal career took place in Colorado, he is an Omaha native. He went to Benson High School, earned his undergraduate from UNL and graduated law school from Creighton University.

At our Annual Awards Banquet, Installation of Officers and Boss Appreciation event Tim Kielty was our charismatic and entertaining Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Kielty, former OLPA Boss of the Year recipient, assisted us in naming Michael J. Sands, of Sands Wegner, PLC, Husker Law, this year’s Boss of the Year and Christi Leupold of Koenig|Dunne, PC LLO, this year’s Omaha Legal Professional of the Year. Ms. Leupold went on to win the honor at the state level as well and is currently this year’s Nebraska Legal Professional of the Year. We are very proud to have her as a member.

Our next general membership meeting on September 16th will be held at DJ’s Dugout in Miracle Hills. We look forward to have Maria Mendoza of Justice For Our Neighbors, the recent OBA Public Service award recipient, presenting on the worthy legal service organization.

If you or your staff would like to attend a meeting or learn more about OLPA contact me at 402-415-2534. OLPA is a professional organization open to all persons employed in, and/or interested in, work of a legal nature. Numerous opportunities are available in the areas of networking, professional development, education and leadership. Professional development is always a wise investment of your time.

Christi Leupold, center, celebrates her Legal Professional of the Year Award with her colleagues from Koenig|Dunne law firm.
Cloud Computing for Lawyers

By H. Daniel Smith

I resisted the temptation to use any of the cheesy titles that jump to mind on this short introduction to Cloud Computing, such as “Cloudy or Clear, the Forecast for Cloud Computing” because I’ve already used them all. This is an incredibly hot topic among lawyers. I have done seminars on this topic in New York, Boston and Seattle for Microsoft, the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, and the Nevada Bar Association, just in the last few months. I will include this topic in the December OBA technology seminar. Why?

First, what is the Cloud? It is many things, but generally speaking, it is information storage and applications/programs that do things, but which live on computers or servers not in your office. So, email travels through the Cloud, even though in transit it is little pieces which are glued back together when they arrive in your mail client. But more and more the files you use live in the Cloud – Google Docs, Dropbox, Box, OneDrive, Office 365. Also applications can be Cloud based. Google search databases and processing are all in the Cloud. Microsoft Office Web applications surface in your Browser but run in the Cloud. Hot Docs (document automation) Document Services stores data and processes the documents in the Cloud. Cloud vendors include Microsoft (Office 365, Azure), Amazon (AWS), Google, Rackspace, Oracle, and many more. Some solutions come pre-cooked and turn-key for specific vertical markets, and with others some assembly is required. Some provide nothing more than an environment or platform on which you can build your own solutions or set up your own virtual servers to run the stuff you already run locally.

We lawyers are always exhorted by technology vendors that we will fade into oblivion if we don’t adopt their latest tech. Then we get up, go serve our clients, and life goes on. The real question is, can tech generally and tech in the Cloud help us serve our clients better, help us send the kids to college, and make our lives a little easier, more convenient and more fun? The answer is yes, but it has to be done right.

I have, on these very pages, told you that there is money and time on the table here, if time can be on a table. A couple of small, homely examples. (1) Word styles: The learning curve is a little steep, but you recover the time in the first project of consequence and reap the rewards for a work lifetime. Styles instantly change the look, and more importantly, the structure of documents. They create a structured outline, and automatically (and hierarchically) renumber sections, subsections, sub-sub-sections and on and on. You can save the styles in a master template and get the benefit every time you use it. (2) Format Painter in Word: You highlight the paragraph whose style you want, click on the Format Painter button (twice if you want to use it over and over again) and then click on the paragraph(s) you want to change.) Voila! The second paragraph has the same style at the first. These little things make work a little easier, and get you to the finish line quicker.

There are also big tech things that can help. That is where the Cloud comes in. Productivity comes from training + right tools + right information in the right place at the right time.

Time for full disclosure. While I practice law full time, I also am a partner in a company, LawPoint365, that is dedicated to bringing lawyers into the Office 365 Cloud, and Microsoft is a customer of LawPoint365. The thing is, we chose them as much as they chose our team. I just happen to believe that Office 365, and the Office family of applications are and will
you can scale up and down in the size of your organization. Big technology change. Because it is subscription based, done right. If done right, your move to the Cloud is your last productivity solution.

The Cloud also may very well save you money over time, if you get used to it. Consumer tech has gone down this path for some time. It’s OK. At a time, and that is a new way of dealing. Worth it, I think, and is always up to date. Some might say, delivered whether you want it or not. I get that: you must learn new things a little at a time, and that is a new way of dealing. Worth it, I think, and consumer tech has gone down this path for some time. It’s OK. You can get used to it.

Right information in the right place at the right time. In the typical office, the data is all over the place. Some is in a folder in a cabinet (misfiled), some on a yellow pad in the trunk of your car, some in email, some on the file share (the “N” drive), or the Document Management System (DMS) or practice management system, some on your “C” drive, some on your iPad, some on your phone, some in Google docs, some in Dropbox, some in OneDrive, some on the flash or thumb drive, and so on. If the information you need does not fall to hand quickly when you are ready to draft the LLC docs or write the brief, it’s a block to productivity. We want to remove those blocks. This is where the Cloud comes in. If you have your email, documents, calendar, contacts, notes, and tasks all in one place, accessible at anytime, anywhere from any device, you just removed many impediments to productivity. If you can browse for the information and documents you need, or search for them as you please, now you can bring what you need to get the job done right to hand at any time. Think of a Venn diagram in which you have a bunch of little data circles that don’t overlap or only randomly overlap, and one big data circle called Office 365. Move all the little data circles into the big one and figure out how to browse and search that data quickly and you have the beginning of a comprehensive productivity solution.

The Cloud also may very well save you money over time, if done right. If done right, your move to the Cloud is your last big technology change. Because it is subscription based, you can scale up and down in the size of your organization very quickly. If you merge, you don’t have to face the awful experience of buying new servers to handle the capacity – you just subscribe to more licenses. If you shrink, you just unsubscribe per seat. As stated, you no longer go through the big capital investment/plateau cycle. Another reason is, the Cloud provider owns, maintains, fixes, depreciates, upgrades and replaces the servers. I think the IT expense to the firm will drop as much of the IT work formerly done locally is being done centrally and spread over thousands of servers and customers.

Also, and I will write about this later, the Cloud provider can do security and disaster recovery better than you ever could. Go to the Microsoft Trust Center to find out more. I can’t say much here due to space, but they comply with the most stringent US and EU protocols and certifications, they encrypt data at rest and in transit, access to the servers is tightly controlled, access keys to the servers are encrypted and the keys to those keys are encrypted, humans have very short periods of access to any server room, and the data is in several hardened data centers in several cities simultaneously. Microsoft has promised to give me a tour of a data center in Chicago next time I am there, and I will report on that when I do it.

For lawyers, I would add a little more. We lawyers have learned to work in Outlook, and we live there. We ain’t leaving. So, for a system to really work well for us, it has to deliver all of the above right in Outlook. And, because we are client and matter centric, we need a client and matter structure that is intuitive, easy to use, and then surfaced in Outlook. Our work with Microsoft at LawPoint365 has centered around creating a client/matter “skin” in Office 365 that delivers the documents, calendar, timeline, contacts, notes, search, all in Outlook (as well as in your Browser).

So, why Cloud? Anywhere, anytime, any device productivity. All practice information in one place. Cheaper over time. But wait! What about ethics? Can I really put my clients’ data in someone else’s hands? Well, you already do. But, watch this space or come to the OBA seminar in December. Or email me at dsmith@lawsgs.com and I will email to you the outline I use in these Cloud seminars which includes ethics guidelines. I have the definitive answer to your ethics concerns.

Editor’s Note: Dan will be presenting in more detail on this topic at a CLE at the Omaha Marriott (Regency) on Friday, December 11th. For more information and registration, please go to www.omahabarassociation.com.
CALENDAR

September 2015
10 Thursday 45th Annual Fall Kickoff BBQ
First National Wealth Management
14010 FNB Parkway
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

October 2015
5 Monday 2015 Red Mass
5 p.m. at St. John’s Catholic Church
Creighton University

9 Friday YLD CLE on Succession Planning at NSBA Annual Meeting

20 Tuesday Securities Enforcement Law CLE
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Creighton School of Law

27 Tuesday Walk Through the Courts Program

28 Tuesday October Membership Dinner
5:30 - 8 p.m. at Champions Run

November 2015
11 Wednesday Lunch with Fenner
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Creighton University

Please check the calendar on the OBA’s Website for more details on upcoming scheduled events.

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