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February 28, 2012
Tuesday
3:00-5:00 p.m.

World Trade Center
 Mezzanine Room
 26 SW Salmon, Portland
 Members \$55
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High Tech Courtroom Presentations on a Low Tech Budget

Research shows that juries pay greater attention to visual exhibits. Presenting evidence or arguments on an easel or foam board is not as interesting or engaging as viewing the same information on a screen in a digital format. Juries today are expecting attorneys to present their cases through technology. Witnesses can potentially be more effectively cross-examined when their deposition testimony is displayed before the jury, rather than simply being read out loud from the transcript. Not every client has the financial resources to hire an outside company to put together such a presentation. Current technology, however, does make it possible for attorneys to advance their client's case themselves in a cost effective manner for their clients.

Our speaker will discuss:

- The pros of presenting evidence and arguments in a video/audio format.
- The potential risks of trying to "do it yourself" and what to do when things go wrong.
- The equipment you will need if you decide to take this route for your trial presentation.
- Helpful apps for trial lawyers.

This two-hour presentation will be led by attorney **Kelly Andersen**, who speaks on this topic regularly. Mr. Andersen has been practicing law in Oregon since 1979, and was named as an Oregon Super Lawyer in 2007, 2009 and 2010. He practices in Medford.

For more information: Call Melissa Ward, Spooner & Much at 503.467.4039. With registration questions, call the MBA at 503.222.3275.

February 29, 2012
Wednesday
3:00-5:00 p.m.

World Trade Center
 Plaza Conference Room
 26 SW Salmon, Portland
 Members \$55
 Non-members \$85

Complex Litigation Management and Procedural Strategies

What is a complex case, and how do you wade through its procedural intricacies? Four seasoned Portland attorneys will discuss their thoughts and strategies on all stages of the complex case. Moderated by **Paul Conable** of Tonkon Torp, the panel will walk through the evaluation of a case as complex, discovery and trial. **Matt Donohue** of Markowitz, Herbold, Glade & Mehlhaf, **Tim DeJong** of Stoll Berne, and **Susan Eggum** of Cosgrave Vergeer Kester will provide practical advice on strategies and case management, as well as a few war stories. Audience questions are welcome. A must for litigators, in-house counsel and anyone else confronting the multifaceted case.

For more information: Call Aukjen Ingraham, Cosgrave Vergeer Kester at 503.323.9000. With registration questions, call the MBA at 503.222.3275.

March 1, 2012
Thursday
3:00-5:00 p.m.

World Trade Center
 Mezzanine Room
 26 SW Salmon, Portland
 Members \$55
 Non-members \$85

The Securities Fraud Case: Plaintiff and Defense Perspective

Scott Shorr of Stoll Berne and **Tom Hutchinson** of Bullivant Houser Bailey will discuss how to spot securities claims and issues, the decisions relating to arbitration or litigation, and simplifying a securities case for an arbitrator or jury. They have years of experience litigating these cases on the plaintiff/investor and defendant/seller side. They will give background for both securities and general business litigators on common issues that arise in securities fraud cases and a short update on recent Oregon and federal securities law developments.

For more information: Call Jennifer Wagner, Stoll Berne at 503.227.1600. With registration questions, call the MBA at 503.222.3275.

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The Career Path Less Traveled

by *Traci Ray*
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As much as we'd all like the fairy tale job story to be our reality, the truth is, the fairy tale is rarely the common experience. Getting creative in finding work can be daunting, but very rewarding. In this first article of a series on job hunting, **Jim Miner**, General Counsel for Western Construction, and **Mackenzie Hogan**, an associate with **Harris & Bowker**, share their unique career paths using temporary staffing agencies.

Jim is a father of three who moved to Oregon from California in 2007 to take the Oregon bar. Jim did not know anyone in Oregon, let alone in the legal community. During those three frightful months between taking the bar and getting his results, Jim found that not only law firms, but workplaces in general, were not hiring. "I felt desperate. I wasn't a lawyer yet, so law firms were not interested and I was overqualified for other jobs." So, Jim went to a staffing agency to try and find something, anything, to help support his family. He was led to believe that he would not get a call back from the staffing agency, but miraculously, he got a call from a local construction company that needed help with paperwork for a few weeks. Although not his dream job, Jim took the opportunity. "I ended up passing the bar while on my two-week job, and the president [of the company] approached me with a new offer to work on streamlining the contracts that all the managers were using on the jobs." Jim took the job, and soon became the company's official legal counsel. He worked his way up, proving that he was competent and cost-saving, taking on 90% of the legal work that was previously going to outside counsel. Jim doesn't consider himself lucky to have found Western Construction. "Luck isn't enough," says Jim. "It's about what you do with a lucky opportunity that matters." Jim has been Western Construction's General Counsel for over four years now, and he describes his job as "completely satisfying." His advice to young lawyers is simple: "Think outside the box and put yourself out there. Be patient, develop



relationships, and bring value to any opportunity presented. You have to put any ego aside, perhaps take less money to get in the door, but all you need is one chance."

Mackenzie Hogan, and his lawyer wife, Emily Hogan, both graduated from U of O School of Law. "I graduated law school just as the bottom fell out of the legal job market in Portland. I had applied for a few things the spring before graduation and the summer while studying for the bar and had no luck landing anything. Usually I didn't even hear back on my applications," notes Mackenzie. As this cycle continued, he began to realize that he needed to consider other options for the immediate future. "After scouring craigslist, the U of O and Lewis & Clark Career Center Web sites, the OSB and MBA Web sites, monster.com and Oregonlive, I decided that a change in tactics was needed."

Mackenzie had heard about other people using temporary staffing agencies, so he tested the waters. He applied to various agencies and was soon set up with an interview at **Harris & Bowker**. They needed help catching up on some corporate matters, client correspondence and filing. "It just so happened that the day I interviewed with the firm, the secretary quit. So, instead of starting the following Monday, I got a call later that day asking me to start the next day and to fill in for the secretary until they hired a replacement. Eventually we hired a replacement for the secretary and I was hired on full-time as a paralegal for the firm and eventually became an associate."

A happy ending? Yes. Storybook? No. "At the end of the day I learned that while gaining employment through a temp agency might not appear to be the most glamorous way to land a job, once you get your

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YLS Member Profile

Charley Gee

YLS Futures Committee member



early. I worked a little bit for Don Corson and did OTLA student outreach. Now I'm back at STC as an associate attorney.

4. How did you hear about the YLS?

I heard about it from an email right after I joined the MBA.

5. What do you like about the YLS?

I appreciate the opportunity to meet many young attorneys from different practice areas and life backgrounds.

6. What do you think the YLS needs more of? Less of?

There should be more participation by younger attorneys, especially those who want to make practicing in Multnomah County better than it already is, which is great.

7. What would make Multnomah County practice better?

The county needs better funding and access to justice. Just an example, before I was able to get an attorney access card, I waited in line for an hour to enter the courthouse. There were only two deputies available to screen all of those people. A person who wants to file a small claims lawsuit will see that as another barrier to the halls of justice. They might have to take time off work, find daycare for their

children, and then they can't even enter the building? It is symbolic of the larger access to justice problem.

8. What does the Futures Committee do, and why did you choose to be on it?

The committee works on closing the inter-generational gap, focusing on the needs of today's young lawyers and future lawyers. The generation gap in America in general right now is interesting to me, and it is reflected in the legal community. There are differences in work ethic, views regarding work/life balance, and quality of life philosophies that will be reflected in the way the legal industry evolves. I am also very interested in technology in litigation.

9. Has your committee membership helped with your professional or personal goals? If so, how?

It has helped me professionally because I strive to practice in Multnomah County for the rest of my life, and I have met people who I otherwise may never have met.

10. What have you found most surprising about volunteering for the committee?

The efficiency of the meeting process.

11. What is your favorite YLS event or activity? Why?

Last year I tried to do the pro bono pedal, but I got there and was missing the connector pin for my dog trailer so I wasn't able to ride. It was still my favorite

event. Everyone was smiling even though it was 42 degrees and raining.

12. If you were president of the YLS, what would you do with your unbridled power?

I would encourage YLS members to make connections with law students to extol the virtues of the YLS, and encourage law students to work hard building connections within Multnomah County while they are still in school.

13. What are you currently reading (non-legal)?

I'm reading *Clash of Kings* the second book in the *Song of Fire and Ice* series, with my wife (we have our own book club). Also the *Walking Dead* comic book series.

14. What is your favorite restaurant?

Lonesome's Pizza.

15. What do you do for fun, and don't say work?

I read a lot. I am also learning how to brew beer. I work on my house, bike, hike, camp and fish.

16. Tell us something about yourself that not that many people know?

I was born with my left foot twisted in, and had to wear a brace in kindergarten to fix it.

17. What do you like about Portland?

I think Portland is the best city in the U.S. because of the climate and the people here who proudly make the town weird.

18. What is the closest you ever came to accidental death?

When I was 19, I rolled a Honda Civic on a gravel road. It drug my arm between the roof and the ground for about 100 feet. I still have road rash scars.

19. What volunteering or community activities do you participate in outside of the YLS?

I am the president of the board of a nonprofit called Umbrella. Its mission is to encourage Portland street culture by providing nonprofit status, accounting and banking services for various projects. The World Naked Bike Ride is the biggest project. Bike Train organizes rides for kids and their families to get to school, to encourage bike riding. Skate Like a Girl is a female-positive skateboarding project.

20. If you could be any other Oregon bar member for a day, living or dead, who would you be?

I would be a public defender, just because it seems like such an "in the trenches" job and I would like to experience that for a day.

21. Do you think a person with a face tattoo could ever draw an impartial jury?

If they had the right lawyer.

22. What makes you angry?

Injustice, stupid mistakes and motor vehicle traffic.

1. What is your name?
Charley Gee

2. Where are you from?
Dallas, Oregon. It's a town about 15 miles outside of Salem.

3. What college and law school did you go to?

I went to PSU and got a bachelor's in Philosophy. I switched from Physical Anthropology, which is focused on the development and evolution of human beings. The idea was to work on forensic identification of human bodies, but it was kind of a grim and non-realistic career choice. I got a job at Swanson, Thomas and Coon (STC) during college as a file clerk. They started giving me more responsibility and I developed an interest in the law. I went to law school at the U of O and took summer courses because I knew I wanted to finish

Community Service Day Report

Nearly a dozen MBA members volunteered at 6:15 a.m. on Friday, December 30, to serve breakfast at the Blanchet House of Hospitality. The group served biscuits and gravy to a packed dining hall. The YLS Service to the Public Committee helped organize the event as part of its ongoing Community Service Days program. To learn more about the Blanchet House or to volunteer, visit <http://blanchethouse.org/>.



YLS Trivia Night

On January 19, the YLS Membership Committee co-hosted a trivia night and social gathering at the NW location of Lucky Lab with the Financial Planning Association and

the Oregon Society of CPAs. Approximately 50 members from the three organizations enjoyed pizza, salad and beer while networking and later teamed up to compete in a trivia

session hosted by Portland's own Shanrock's Triviology. Trivia victors won a Shanrock trophy, in addition to bragging rights.

This is the second time this year that the YLS has paired up with the FPA and OSCPA to organize an event for young professionals, and the collaboration is likely to continue given the attendees' positive feedback. All three organizations would like to thank the Lucky Lab and Shanrock's Triviology for supporting the trivia event, along with all the attendees who turned out to make it a great time.



Trivia Night attendees

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foot in the door good things can happen." Coming out of law school, Mackenzie was looking for something permanent involving transactional work. He took a job as a secretary that led him to an associate position. "It just so happens that I landed at a firm where I get to practice law with great people and really enjoy my job. It's cliché - not everyone can wake up in the morning and look forward to going to work, but I can."

Mackenzie's advice to young lawyers, "You never know if a temporary opportunity is going to lead to something bigger and better, which is why you cannot underestimate the value of doing a good job. Working hard as a temporary employee is how I got where I am and looking back now, I am happy with the path my career has taken."

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YLS Drop-In Social

**Paddy's Bar & Grill, 65 SW Yamhill, Portland
February 2, 5:30-7:30 pm**

Please join the YLS Membership Committee for a Drop-In Social on Thursday, February 2, in the back room at Paddy's Bar and Grill, located at 65 SW Yamhill in downtown Portland. Stop by after work to catch up with your friends, make some new connections, or catch up with those you haven't seen for awhile.