



SKCBA Newsletter

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October Meeting

October 29, 2009 5-7 at the Kent Senior Activity Center (address 600 E. Smith, Kent, WA 98030), we will be holding a flood forum that will be addressing the questions that attorneys may have regarding the potential floods. A few speakers that are working with King County will address flood concerns and the affects it may have on the court system. We also hope to have this as a way for attorneys that may be affected to get some contact with those that may not as potential resources to continue their legal practices while their offices may be closed. Drinks and snacks will be available with any donations received to go towards the library funding. More information on this event can be located [here](#).

Phil Biege Open Golf Tournament

This year's SKCBA "Phil Biege Open" golf tournament was another great success! Thanks to all of our individual hole sponsors, and a special thanks to our Premier Sponsors, **Gary's Process Service** the **Law Offices of James Newton**, and **attorney Joseph Breidenbach**. The financial support of the tournament sponsors makes the Phil Biege Open a reality year after year. Also, a big thank you to Mike Ditchik, who organizes an outstanding tournament year after year.

SKCBA Holiday Party

Thursday, December 10, 2009, will be our annual Christmas event at Acme Bowl from 6-9. More information can be found [here](#).

King County Budget Issues

On Tuesday, October 13th, members of the King County Council held a public hearing at the Maleng Regional Justice Center (MRJC) to hear public comment on the 2010 Proposed Budget for King County. Among the numerous cuts to the County's budget was funding for the law library at the MRJC. Marie White, J. David Huhs, and Pete Curran attended the meeting as representatives of the South King County Bar Association. They joined Judge Mary Yu, Judge Laura Inveen, Law Librarian Marcus Hochstetler and numerous concerned citizens in requesting that the Council appropriate \$157,507.00 in the 2010 King County Annual Budget to cover the cost of operating the MRJC law library. In summary, the message conveyed to the Council was that the library fills a vital public need and is necessary to ensure equal access to justice. Judge Yu also read a statement prepared by Judy Maleng in support of funding the MJRC law library. The SKCBA requests that you email or write your elected Councilmember and ask them to restore funding in the 2010 King County Annual Budget for the MJRC law library. Perhaps, you may also encourage colleagues, friends and clients to surface their interest and concern for this issue.

Mock Trials—Volunteer Opportunity

High School Mock Trial Program coming to Kent!!!

The program involves providing a case to high

school students in November. They begin studying the case and learning about the characters involved. They learn courtroom procedures, open/closing arguments, direct/cross examinations and some rules of evidence. Each high school team must have both a prosecution and defense team.

During the month of February, teams around the State of Washington match up for district competitions. When the results are in, it is decided which 20 teams will make it to the State Championship in late spring. From there the top ranking teams are given the opportunity to compete at the national level.

We need attorneys in the community that would be willing to volunteer some of their time to coaching and/or judging.

This is the first time that any schools in the Kent school district will be participating. It would be fantastic if the local Bar showed it support!!!

Please contact attorney Lisa Voso for more information: lisa@vosolaw.com or 253-893-2023.

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