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The Newsletter of the Western Montana Bar Association

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President's Message from Hannah Stone:

We've all heard that old adage "April showers bring May flowers" (or in the case of Montana, April hail and snow storms). For attorneys, April marks the time of year when CLE accounting is due, the slow post-holiday slumber is over, and cases kick into high gear to avoid extensive travel or briefing during our treasured summer months.

Like most of you, keeping up on CLEs is one of those tasks that generally slips the mind until a reporting reminder pops up. While some folks are devoted to finding and taking courses

in their dedicated area of practice, most of us opt for the convenience of local luncheons or seminars that fit our busy schedules (and pocketbooks). Given the size of our great state, it can be impractical to travel hours away to attend a CLE in a dedicated area of practice, though electronic access is making great strides in accommodating remote attendance.

A similar scenario presented itself during my undergrad and law school years. With busy schedules and required courses, many students find themselves taking classes less for their future career, and more for taking an extra shift working at the local coffee shop. I look back to my undergrad years and recall taking filler courses in the history of cinema and charcoal drawing, which may have given me a slight edge on family game night but really didn't relate to a career path. Fast forward to law school, and by 3L the balance of work, clinic and family pushed me towards classes in areas I didn't plan to practice in, since it's hard to find childcare in 2 hour increments on odd days. However, unlike my undergrad coursework, some of the law school extracurricular courses led me to pursue areas of law I hadn't previously considered. Work comp was conveniently offered immediately prior to my clinic course, and seven years later these are often my clients and cases (though my dog eared outline is close to retirement).

I suppose my point is that while many of us are comfortable in a certain area of law, the opportunity to take a CLE in a new area may open your eyes to an area of law in which you find enjoyment. This month the WMBA is hosting its annual 3 hour CLE on Thursday, April 20. Professor John Mudd will be speaking on Technology and Ethics (1 hr. of ethics), Anthony Johnstone is presenting on Executive Power and the Constitution (1 hr.), and Greg Munro is providing a Tort and Insurance Update (1 hr.). We hope to see you there!

Hannah Stone has been an attorney with the Milodragovich, Dale and Steinbrenner law firm since 2010. Her civil litigation practice includes insurance defense, workers compensation and liquor liability. She and her husband, David Flores, keep busy trying to wear out their kiddos by biking, skiing, hiking and playing.

**Don't Miss — WMBA
Annual CLE & Luncheon—Thursday, April 20!**

Technology & Ethics, Executive Power, and Tort & Insurance Update

**With Professors
John Mudd, Anthony
Johnstone, and
Greg Munro**

Lunch served at 12:00
p.m.; CLE 1:00-4:00 p.m.

3 CLE Credits (incl. 1 ethics!)

Please RSVP by Tuesday,
4/18 at 5:00 p.m.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD ATTORNEY NEIL FOX**“WHEN ACTIVISTS GET ARRESTED”**

Monday, April 24 6:30 p.m., Room 101 Alexander Blewett III School of Law

Free and Open to the Public.

More info: NLGmontana@Facebook

**March Pro Bono Report****Placements:**

- Mediation: 0
- Full Rep: 2

Clients Waiting to be Served: 2**Attorneys with Active Cases: 63****Attorneys available to take cases: 632****Closed Pro Bono Cases: 31****Clients Served in March Clinics:**

MLSA: 14

Alexander Blewett III School of Law: 9

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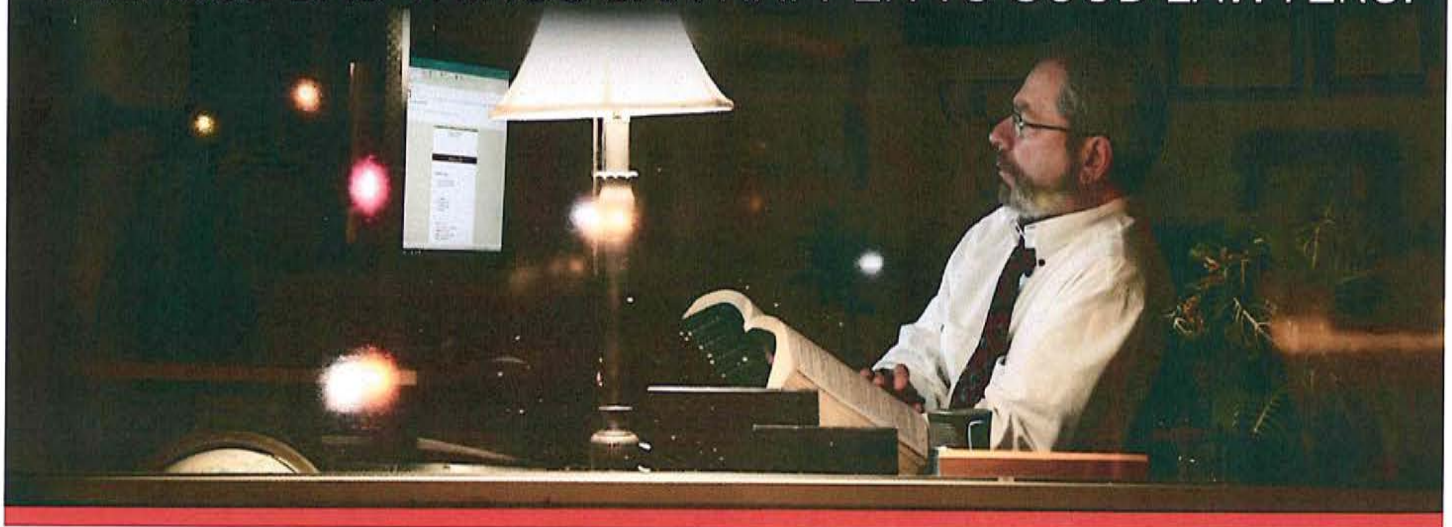
April 19, 2017

May 3, 2017

May 17, 2017

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2016-2017

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Missoula, MT 59807-7451

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