

Second Quarter 2006

Dear Litigation Section Members:

The first quarter of this year has been very productive for the Litigation Section. This email summarizes our activities this past quarter, lists information about upcoming events, contains updates about individuals in the Litigation Section, and provides useful links and services for our section members.

In this issue:

- 1. Upcoming Events and CLEs
- 2. Utah State Bar Convention Updates
- 3. Activities January-March 2006
- 4. Sponsorships and Community Involvement
- 5. News of Interest
- 6. Website Updates

1. UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLES

The Section is pleased to announce that it will once again sponsor the enormously popular **NITA TRIAL SEMINAR** June 14-17, 2006. The Seminar will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center. Participation is limited to 48 people. Cost is \$1200.00 Litigation Section Members; \$1250.00 Non-Litigation Members; \$2000.00 Non-Utah State Bar Members (space permitting). 28-32 hours of CLE are available. For more information on the Seminar and an agenda, visit http://www.utahbar.org/cle/events/nita.html. To register, call Stephanie Long at 297-7032 or 297-7036.

In conjunction with this NITA seminar, and in recognition of the relatively high cost of this event, the Litigation Section is offering **two full-tuition scholarships** for this event. These scholarships will be awarded based on need, and are aimed at giving an opportunity for public interest lawyers, solo practitioners, and others similarly situated to attend this valuable seminar. To apply, send a letter by May 26, 2006, with your name, place of employment, description of your need, and why you believe you would benefit from the seminar to <a href="maintenants-ma

Utah State Bor

- The Annual Fall Forum will be held November 3, 2006. Watch for details.
- For a calendar of events sponsored by the Litigation Section, visit: http://www.utahbar.org/sections/litigation/events.html.

2. UTAH STATE BAR CONVENTION UPDATES

The Utah State Bar's **Annual Convention** is fast approaching. It will be held at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa in Newport Beach, California July 12-15, 2006. The Litigation Section is sponsoring sessions on E-Discovery and Persuasive Writing. For more information visit http://www.utahbar.org/cle/bar_meetings.html#f1. The Litigation Section liaison to the Annual Convention is Michael Petrogeorge.



3. ACTIVITIES JANUARY-MARCH 2006

- The Litigation Section and the Appellate Section co-sponsored the CLE entitled "Welcome to Judge McHugh," featuring Utah Court of Appeals Judge Carolyn McHugh on January 20, 2006.
- The Litigation Section sponsored a two-part breakout session on Mass Tort Litigation conducted by Alex McDonald, from the Boston, Massachusetts office of Robinson & Cole, LLC, at the Utah State Bar's **Spring Convention** in St. George March 9-11, 2006. Many thanks to Dan Steele for coordinating the Litigation Section track.
- The Litigation Section co-sponsored a **CLE** with the Appellate Section at the Law & Justice Center on April 12, 2006, entitled **Behind the Scenes at the Appellate Courts**. There was a panel discussion with Associate Chief Justice Michael Wilkins—Utah Supreme Court, Judge Pamela Greenwood—Utah Court of Appeals, Marilyn Branch—Appellate Court Administrator, Clark Sabey—Central Staff Attorney, Karen Thompson—Central Staff Attorney.

4. Sponsorships and Community Involvement

The Litigation Section's annual law student **trial advocacy awards** were presented on March 17, 2006 at the J. Reuben Clark Law School. Winners were Jeffrey Campbell, Kristin Baughman, Erika Beecham, and Tyler Waltman. Each received a \$500 cash scholarship. The winners of the trial advocacy awards for the S.J. Quinney College of Law will be determined this summer and awards will be presented in the fall.



In celebration of **Law Day 2006**, the Litigation Section is a proud underwriter of a newspaper insert entitled "Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers," which ran in the Sunday, April 30 editions of *The Salt Lake Tribune* and *Deseret Morning News*. The insert was created by the Utah State Court's Standing Committee on Judicial Outreach, and includes information about the three branches of government and their respective powers. A PDF of the insert is posted on our website at www.utahbar.org/litigation/welcome.

- The Litigation Section recently contributed \$1,483.92 to **And Justice For All**. This amount is the interest earned on the Litigation Section account for the year ending June 2005. For more information about And Justice For All, visit www.andjusticeforall.org.
- The Litigation Section was a sponsor of the Antitrust Symposium in honor of **John J. Flynn**, held at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law on February 3, 2006.

5. News of Interest

Congratulations to Litigation Section member **Sean Reyes** of Parsons, Behle & Latimer, who was named by Utah Business Magazine as one of the "40 Under 40," which recognizes forty individuals under the age of forty who have achieved success in the State of Utah.



Sean Reyes



Janet Hugie Smith

Litigation Section member **Janet Hugie Smith** of Ray Quinney & Nebeker was selected as the recipient of the Dorathy Merrill Brothers Award for the Advancement of Women in the Legal Profession of the Bar. The award was presented at the Spring Convention in St. George, Utah.



Ryan Frazier

The Executive Committee welcomes two new members of the committee: **Ryan Frazier** of Kirton & McConkie, and **George Burbidge** of Christensen & Jensen.



George Burbidge



Randy Dryer



George Haley



Richard Burbidge

- Congratulations to Litigation Section members **Randy Dryer** of Parsons Behle & Latimer, **Richard Burbidge** of Burbidge & Mitchell, and **George Haley** of Holme Roberts & Owen who were named among the Lawdragon 500 Leading Trial Lawyers.
- The Advisory Committee for Utah's **Model Civil Jury Instructions** is planning to release the first installment of MUJI 2nd Edition by June 1st. It will be freely available on the Utah courts website, www.utcourts.gov, and will not be published in "hard copy" form. You will be able to simply go online and check off the instructions that you desire, and then copy them into your Word or Word Perfect document. The Supreme Court has instructed that the instructions use "Plain English" as far as possible, so expect significant changes from MUJI 1st.

In addition, the Advisory Committee will attempt to keep MUJI 2nd updated, so changes based on errors or new case law should promptly appear.



The **Annual Law Day 5K Run** will be held on May 6, 2006. For more details and registration information, visit

http://www.utahbar.org/lawday/Welcome.html or http://www.andjusticeforall.org/lawday.html.

The Litigation Section welcomes **Hiram Chodosh**, who has been selected as the new dean of the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah. Dean Chodosh will assume the deanship on July 1, 2006. To read the press release, visit http://www.law.utah.edu/news/02282006 ChodoshDean.php.



Dean Hiram Chodosh

- Various changes to the Utah Court Rules have been proposed. To view the proposed changes and submit comments, and for further information, visit http://www.utcourts.gov/resources/rules/comments/.
- Congratulations to the following Litigation Section members who were named as part of **Utah's Legal Elite** in the January 2006 edition of Utah Business Magazine:

Aaron Murdock Bruce Badger Craig Smith Dickson Burton George Hoffman	
Adam Afflect Bruce Burt Craig Wentz Douglas Mortensen George Hunt	
Adam Price Bruce Maak Dale Gardiner Douglas Parry George Waddoups	
Akiko Kawamura Bruce Nelson Dan Larsen Edgar Cataxinos Gregory Sanders	
Alan Sullivan Bryan Benard Daniel Anderson Edwin Barnes Gregory Saylin	
Ali Levin Cameron Hancock Daniel Berman Elaina Maragakis Gregory Skordas	
Allen Thomason Carolynn Clark Daniel McConkie Elizabeth Dunning Gregory Stevens	
Amy Smedley Cass Butler Darren Nelson Elizabeth Peck Hannalori Rausch	
Andrew Deiss Catherine Brabson David Barclay Elliott Williams Heidi Goebel	
Andrew Stone Cecilia Romero David Connors Eric Davenport Heidi Leithead	
Anthony Kaye Chad Derum David Dolowitz Eric Lee Howard Lundgren	
Arthur Berger Chad Pomeroy David Elmont Eric Maxfield Jame Franckowiak	
Barbara Polich Charles Thronson David Hunter Evelyn Furse James Gardner	
Bentley Tolk Christina Miller David Jordan Ford Scalley James Jardine	
Blaine Rawson Christine Greenwood David Kelley Francis Wikstrom James McConkie,	Ш
Blake Miller Christopher Hill David Leigh Frank Wilkins James Tracy	
Bradley Cahoon Christopher Rogers David Leta Fred Silvester Janet Smith	
Bradley Roylance Clark Waddoups David Mortensen Frederick Green Jason Day	
Brent Johnson Claudia McMullin David Reymann Gabrielle "Lee" Jason Hardin	
Brent Lorimer Clayton Simms David Schofield Caruso Jeffrey Colemere	
Brent Manning Colin King David Wahlquist Gary Bendinger Jeffrey Eisenberg	
Brett Foster Craig Coburn David Williams Gary Johnson Jeffrey Hunt	
Brian Cheney Craig Galli David Wright Geoffrey Haslam Jeffrey Shields	
Brian Hunt Craig Mariger David Zeidner George Burbidge Jeffrey Silvestrini	
Brian King Craig Metcalf Dennis Ferguson George Haley Jeffrey Williams	

Jennifer Brown Jennifer Lange Jennifer Ward Jeremy Cook Jim Lundberg Jody Burnett John Adams John Anderson John Ball John Braithwaite John Hansen John Harrington John Lund John Mackay John Pearce John Robson John Snow John Wilson Jonathan Hafen Joseph Covey Joseph Joyce Joseph Steele V Joseph Wrona Joshua King Justin Matkin Justin Palmer Justin Toth Kathleen Toth Keith Call Kenneth Black Kenneth Okazaki Kent Scott

Kevin Fife Kim Wilson Kimball Mosier Kristine Larsen Lara Swensen Larry Laycock Lawrence Dingivan Lisa Petersen Lisa Yerkovich Lowry Snow Maralyn Reger Margaret Niver McGann Margaret Olson Mark Bettilyon Mark Click Mark Gaylord Mark Hindley Mark Larsen Mark Pugsley Mark Van Wagoner Martha Knudson Mary Anne Wood Matt Lewis Matthew Anderson Matthew Ball Matthew Barneck Matthew Bethards Matthew Boley Matthew Durham Matthew Lalli Matthew Moscon Matthew Thayne

Melinda Morgan Michael Blue Michael Ford Michael Hoppe Michael Larsen Michael Mayfield Michael Mohrman Michael Petrogeorge Michael Skolnick Michael Spence Michael Zimmerman Michael Zody Michelle Roybal Mike Hughes Morris Haggerty Nathan Alder Nathan Wilcox Neil Kaplan Norman Younker Paul Belnap Paul Burke Paul Veasy Peggy Tomsic Perrin Love Peter Barlow Peter Billings Peter Rognlie Phillip Ferguson Rafael Seminario Ralph Dewsnup Randall Bateman Randy Bryer Raymond Etcheverry

Richard Burbidge Richard Burke Richard Glauser Richard Hincks Rick Hoggard Rick Rose Robert Aycock Robert Clark Robert Gilchrist Robert Janicki Robert Jeffs Robert Lochhead Robert O'Connor Robert Rice Robert Stevens Robert Wilde Robert Wing Rodney Snow Roger Christensen Romaine Marshall Ronald Russell Ross Romero Ryan Frazier Ryan Harris Samuel Harkness Samuel Straight Scott Crook Scott Crook Scott Hagen Scott Jacobson Scott Lilja Scott Petersen Scott Sabey

Scott Young Sean Reves Sharrieff Shah Shawn Draney Shayne Kohler Sherilyn Olsen Stanley Preston Stephanie Pugsley Stephanie Saperstein Stephen Marshall Stephen Mitchell Stephen Quesenberry Steven Bednar Steven Marsden Steven Smith Steven Strong T.J. Tsakalos Terry Welch Thom Beckett Thomas Karrenberg **Thomas Peters** Thomas Sturdy **Todd Shaughnessy** Victoria Kidman Walter Romney Wendy Crowther Wesley Felix William Christensen William Hansen Willis Orton

6. WEBSITE UPDATES

• We now have Benchbooks, articles, and/or judicial profiles online for the following state and federal judges:

1st District

Judge Ben H. Hadfield Judge Clint S. Judkins Judge Gordon J. Low

2nd District

Judge Michael G. Allphin
Judge Glenn R. Dawson
Judge Roger S. Dutson
Judge Scott M. Hadley
Judge Darwin C. Hansen
Judge Pamela G. Heffernan
Judge Ernie Jones
Judge Thomas L. Kay
Judge Michael D. Lyon
Judge John M. Memmott
Judge Rodney S. Page
Judge W. Brent West

3rd District

Judge Judith S. Hanson Atherton Judge William Barrett Judge William B. Bohling Judge Ann Boyden Judge Pat B. Brian Judge Terry Christiansen Judge Joseph C. Fratto, Jr. Judge J. Dennis Frederick Judge Dennis M. Fuchs Judge Timothy R. Hanson Judge Stephen L. Henriod Judge Robert K. Hilder Judge Deno Himonas Judge Glenn K. Iwasaki Judge John Kennedy Judge Leslie A. Lewis Judge Denise P. Lindberg Judge Bruce C. Lubeck Judge Sheila K. McCleve Judge Tyrone E. Medley Judge Frank G. Noel Judge Sandra N. Peuler Judge Anthony B. Quinn Judge Robin W. Reese Judge Stephen C. Roth Judge Randall N. Skanchy

4th District

Judge John C. Backlund Judge Donald J. Eyre, Jr. Judge Steven L. Hansen Judge Fred D. Howard Judge Howard H. Maetani Judge Samuel McVey Judge Derek P. Pullan Judge Gary D. Stott Judge Anthony W. Schofield Judge James R. Taylor

5th District

Judge G. Rand Beacham Judge J. Philip Eves Judge G. Michael Westfall

6th District

Judge K.L. McIff Judge David L. Mower

7th District

Judge Lyle R. Anderson Judge Bryce K. Bryner Judge Bruce K. Halliday

8th District

Judge John R. Anderson Judge A. Lynn Payne

U.S. District Court

Judge Paul G. Cassell Jude Dale A. Kimball Mag. Judge Samuel Alba Mag. Judge David O. Nuffer Mag. Judge Brooke Wells

To access the Benchbooks, visit www.utahbar.org and scroll down until you see the following link on the right side of the home page:

Sight Highlights

<u>Judges</u> Benchbook

or bookmark this link: http://www.utahbar.org/sections/litigation/benchbooks.html.



We want to ensure that all of our members receive e-mail communications. Therefore, if you or another Litigation Section member is not receiving the electronic version of this newsletter via e-mail, please send an e-mail to onlineservices@utahbar.org. This Quarterly E-mail, and other information about the Litigation Section, is posted on our website at www.utahbar.org/litigation/welcome.

Sincerely,

Elaina M. Maragakis Chair, Litigation Section Utah State Bar