

## Save The Date

Appellate  
Practice CLE  
October 16, 2009  
Stoll Berne  
209 SW Oak Street  
Portland, OR  
6 CLE Credits  
Pending

Program Includes:

**Before the Brief**  
*Judge David Rees,  
Gene Hallman,  
and Matt Whitman*

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*Jim Nass*

**The Appellate  
Mediation Process**  
*Barbara Gazeley*

**Briefing in the  
Court of Appeals**  
*Meagan Flynn and  
Kathryn Clarke*

**Essential Tips for  
Oral Arguments**  
*Justice  
Virginia Linder,  
Maureen Leonard  
and Bob Udziela*

**Life After the  
Court of Appeals**  
*Kathryn Clarke*

**The U.S.  
Supreme Court:  
A Practitioner's  
Experience**  
*Scott Shorr*

*Lunch Provided  
\$65 Regular  
Attorney Members  
\$50 New  
Lawyer Members*

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## 2009 Convention in Bend A Huge Hit with Members

Over 130 OTLA attorney members attended this year's August convention in Bend. The convention theme, *Changing Strategies for Changing Times*, truly resonated with attendees, while speakers Diane Wyzga, Tom Capps, Geoffrey Wells, Justice



*Neil Jackson*

Riggs, Judge Acosta, Jim Craven, Kelly Andersen, Tom Boothe and Michael Wise all delivered highly touted and substantive programs. Convention attendees and guests alike noted how much they enjoyed staying at The Seventh Mountain Resort, commenting that the closeness and camaraderie of a smaller resort was a bonus.

At the poolside welcome reception members enjoyed the central Oregon sun while talking with dignitaries Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, retired Justice Bill Riggs, former Secretary of State and Democratic candidate for Governor Bill Bradbury and Rep. and then Democratic candidate for Governor Brian Clem. The Friday afternoon Business Meeting had several hotly contested races for the OTLA Board, resulting in four new Board members being elected. (for a full list of you Board leadership please see page 2) Michael Wise and Tom Powers, co-chairs of the Legislative Committee, wowed the crowd with a behind the scenes play-by-play of the 2009 Legislative Session.

On Friday evening the Guardians Reception was packed with our steadfast OTLA PAC contributors who enjoyed the complimentary fair along with conversation with State Treasurer Ben Westlund, Senate Majority Leader Richard Devlin, Rep. Brent Barton, Rep. Chris Garrett, Rep. and OTLA member Nick Kahl.

The Awards dinner was a sellout event with over capacity turn-out to honor Distinguished Trial Lawyer of the Year Gene Hallman and to say a fond farewell and thank you to OTLA Immediate Past President Don



*Richard Lane*

Jacobs. Because of the extraordinary work of two stalwart volunteer members The President's Award was given to Neil Jackson and Richard Lane for their tireless legislative efforts. Jackson has been called OTLA's *Legislative Cowboy* and is no stranger to awards. In 2005 he was awarded the *Straight Shooter* Volunteer of the Year award. In 2007 Jackson was honored with the OTLA President's Award, persevering through a tough session fighting tort reform efforts while at the same time shepherding five pro-consumer bills. And he did it again this year. Jackson might as well have opened an office in Salem given the amount of time he spent in our state's Capitol. During session he logged more hours in meetings



*Distinguished Trial Lawyer Gene Hallman and his wife Mary before the Awards Dinner.*

with legislators and in legislative hearings than any other OTLA member, beaten only by our lobbying team. Jackson's determination and negotiating skills are the main reason OTLA's Motor Vehicle section saw three new important bills to help consumers signed into law. HB 2326: **PIP Wage Reimbursement and Property Damage** with assistance from attorneys Rob Dolton and Tom D'Amore. SB 306: **Increase 20.080 Limit** with help

# OTLA Happenings...

## 2009 – 2010 Leadership

The Presidential torch was passed from Don Jacobs to **Dana Sullivan** at the early morning Board meeting at convention. A partner at Buchanan Angeli Altschul & Sullivan LLP, Sullivan has a long history of service on the OTLA Board as chair of numerous committees, an active donor, and steps up to volunteer whenever called upon.

Other newly elected officers include; President-elect Tom D'Amore, Secretary-Treasurer Michael Wise, and Parliamentarian Brian Dretke.

Joining the Board: Marty Alvey, Vance Day, Sonya Fischer and Kim Tucker.

Returning Board members: Kelly Andersen, Jeff Bowersox, Rob Beatty-



*Dana Sullivan  
President*



*Tom D'Amore  
President-Elect*



*Michael Wise  
Secretary-Treasurer*



*Brian Dretke  
Parliamentarian*

Walters, Kathryn Clarke, Beth Creighton, Hala Gores, Mike Greene, Stephen Hendricks, Neil Jackson, Lara Johnson, Liz McKanna, Leslie O'Leary, Shelley Russell, Scott Shorr, Tina Stupasky, David Sugerman, Elizabeth Welch, and Tim Williams.

Many thanks to outgoing Board members Bill Barton, Paul Bovarnick, Keith Dozier, Bill Gaylord, Jennifer Kampsula, and Jim Nelson. Their dedication and countless volunteer hours are greatly appreciated.

## Annual Snowball

### Friday, January 8, 2010

The Adrianna Hill Grand Ballroom  
918 SW Yamhill, 2nd Floor, Portland, OR 97205

6:30 pm –Reception 7:15 pm –Buffet dinner  
8:00 pm –Dancing

Live music by Designband \$65 per person

Sponsorship for New Lawyer Members Available on Request

**\*\* Be A Snow Ball Sponsor \*\***

To show your support for the organization and help sponsor newer attorney members' attendance, please consider stepping up as an event sponsor for this very special evening.

Sponsor Levels: SnowFlake: \$250 SnowBall: \$500 SnowFlurry: \$750 SnowStorm (Band Sponsor): \$1,500

We will Thank You in all future advertisements, signage at the event and in Sidebar.

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*Jim McCandlish, 2009 Distinguished Trial Lawyer Gene Hallman, President Dana Sullivan, and President Award winner Richard Lane enjoy the sunshine on a break.*

from members Erica Glaser, Jim Nelson and Thane Tienson. Jackson also teamed up with member Brooks Cooper on HB 2769 to shepherd the **Minors Settlements Fix** through to passage.

Lane's been called the *Cal Ripken* of OTLA's Legislative Committee. Like the baseball All-Star, Lane is known for his dogged determination and reliability. Lane served as Legislative Committee chair for 6 years, spending a great deal of his time beating back well-funded special interests seeking to restrict Oregonians' civil rights and limit their access to the justice system. He has been and remains the *go-to guy*, reviewing volumes of bills, preparing exhaustive analysis of complex legislation, meeting with legislators and negotiating with allies and foes alike. Lane earned this honor in 2005 and again this year for his herculean efforts standing up for your clients in Salem.

Lane's strategic genius and impassioned advocacy was initially tested in 2001 when he was charged with coordinating opposition to tort reform as states across the nation were falling victim to a sweeping anti-consumer movement. During the 2001 and 2003 legislative sessions Lane testified against every one of the two dozen proposals, providing expert legal analysis before handing

the microphone to victims to tell their stories about how the proposals would have impacted them. Not one of these bills even made it out of committee. Between sessions, in the off years, he was a leader in our strategic and policy-making efforts to defeat Constitutional Amendment 35 and halting Ballot Measure 51 in its tracks.

The Women's Caucus Social, sponsored by Audrey Kenney and The James Street Group, honored OTLA's Past Presidents in attendance Kathryn Clarke, Linda Eyerman, Linda Love, Jane Paulson and Judy Snyder, who helped pave the way for women's leadership within the

organization. Former OTLA Executive Director Jane Hill spoke about Emerge Oregon, a group dedicated to fostering women into politics and Susan Saladoff introduced her much anticipated documentary "Hot Coffee," telling the story behind the McDonald's hot coffee case, one of the most famous and misunderstood civil cases of the century.

Saturday could not have been more perfect for the annual Golf Tournament and Scramble hosted by Jack Meligan and Settlement Professionals. OTLA Board Member Liz McKanna won the women's longest drive and the winning team of Michael Wise, Scott Lucas, Nolan Robinson, and Devon Spickard showed everyone how it's done at the Widgi Creek Course.

On the basketball court, it was Team Barton dominating for the 3rd year in a row. Disgruntled opponents attempted to sabotage the win by hiding the golden trophy. But after offering \$1,000 for its return, Barton once again embraced his coveted prize. OTLA hereby issues an all-member challenge to topple the Barton team ringers next year in Sunriver.

Beyond the accolades for our members who exemplify citizen advocacy, beyond the timely and informative programming, this year's convention was really about family...the family of OTLA colleagues and friends who enjoy engaging in the serious business of politics and their practice in a social and supportive atmosphere, and enjoying a family fun environment for all ages.



*State Treasurer Ben Westlund, Leslie O'Leary, Tom Powers, Rep. Chris Garrett and Scott Shorr at the Guardians Reception.*