Recap of 2014 Senior Lawyers Section CLE: Part II

By Al Armstrong – Secretary, Senior Lawyers Section

Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud

The afternoon opened with an address by Washington Supreme Court Associate Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud entitled “An Inside View of the [Supreme] Court’s Decision-Making Process.” Justice McCloud was elected to her position in November 2012, at which point the Washington Supreme Court became a female-majority institution. She is the recipient of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ William O. Douglas Award and has taught at Seattle University School of Law as an Adjunct Professor.

Her presentation dealt with two topics. The first was an overview of the 1963 *Gideon vs. Wainwright* decision, which established the right to indigent criminal representation in state courts. She recounted how Clarence Earl Gideon, charged with burglary in the state of Florida and without sufficient funds to hire counsel, was denied an appointed attorney. (Florida, at that time, only provided appointed counsel in capital cases.) Upon being convicted and sentenced to five years in prison, he appealed, based upon violation of his 6th amendment right to counsel. The U.S. Supreme Court granted review and subsequently issued its historic ruling, finding that the 6th Amendment was indeed applicable to the states via the 14th Amendment, requiring court-appointed counsel for the indigent accused. Justice Gordon McCloud cited this case as an example of the value of an independent judiciary. The presentation included a short reenactment of the oral argument before the Supreme Court, with Justice McCloud assuming the role of the attorney for the petitioner Gideon, and our own Karen Klein acting as Justices Black (who wrote the opinion) and Stewart (who concurred.) Justice Gordon McCloud related how the *Gideon* case is still relevant today, citing the problems faced by overworked public defenders and the recent federal

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district court case of Wilbur v. Mount Vernon et al, also dealt with by Bob Burochowitz earlier in the day.

Justice Gordon McCloud then offered the attendees an inside look at how the Supreme Court goes about determining which matters (petitions for direct review and motions for discretionary review) are to be heard by the court. Each Justice, she related, is assigned to one of two departments by the Chief Justice. Each petition is considered by one of the two departments; they make the decision to accept or deny review; in the event the decision is not unanimous, then the determination is made en banc. The Justice estimated that about 10 percent of petitions/motions for review are granted.

Then Justice Gordon McCloud offered some tips for appellate practice: the quality of the brief matters: don’t be too wordy, and clarity and brevity are a plus. Be sure to read the cases before you cite them. At oral argument, be sure to answer the Justices’ inquiries; do not try to avoid the questions, as that will fool nobody. Avoid getting angry and be ready to address policy questions, she advised.

The attendees were particularly appreciative of the Justice’s presentation. “She gave a relevant talk in a competent manner,” wrote one. Others remarked that the Justice was an excellent speaker, gave an informative outline of court procedures, was very sincere, and “was a breath of fresh air.”

Scott Osborne

Our next speaker, attorney Scott Osborne of Foster Pepper, PLLC, brought his extensive experience in real estate to bear as he talked about “Planning for Change in Real Estate – New Things If You Are Buying, Selling or Financing Your House.” Mr. Osborne, a 1975 graduate of the University of Washington School of Law, is past Chair of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section of the Washington State Bar. He addressed the subject of Form 17 – the required “full disclosure” statement that has been required since the mid-1990’s. He indicated that Form 17 is not part of the real estate contract but can still form the basis of a lawsuit. Changes in Form 17 requirements are common. He referred to the Independent Duty Doctrine, the court-created rule that gives a plaintiff a cause of action independent of the duties imposed by a contract if the duty that gave rise to the claim is based upon common law. In other words, a tort duty arises independently of any contractual duties. A recent case (Austin v. Ettl, Division II) held that there is no duty on the part of a seller to disclose potential encumbrances on property; unless the plaintiff can claim violations of the underlying contract, he cannot rely on the Independent Duty Doctrine and maintain his suit independent of that contract. A dissenting opinion was filed in the Austin case, however.

Mr. Osborne offered some interesting insights into reverse mortgages. He noted that up-front fees can be very high. Reverse mortgages can be the subject of fraud, as it is possible for some third party to grab the proceeds and run. Mr. Osborne offered a cautionary note: If the mortgage is not repaid within 30 days of death of the mortgagor, the mortgagee can foreclose! (Of course, certain requirements of Washington foreclosure procedure would prevent such a quick repossession.) He noted that the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act is applicable to reverse mortgages, addressing such matters as loan originator compensation. “If you are a loan originator, and you don’t comply with the act, you can be in big trouble.”

One audience member requested that we “keep Scott coming back.” Another appreciated Mr. Osborne’s “great humor and superior knowledge.” Still another noted that Mr. Osborne presented “good, important and timely issues we can use all the time.”

David Lenci

David Lenci of K&L Gates addressed our group about “Ethical Issues for Lawyers in Transition.” His topic dealt with the many challenges faced by attorneys of retirement age.

He noted that, with attorneys now practicing into their later years, matters connected with aging or mental impairment often become issues as the practitioner grows older. These issues in turn can lead to or involve violations of RPC 1.1 and 1.3, the attorney’s obligation to provide competent and diligent representation. He cautioned that the older practitioner must be conscientious about conflict checks, and that, especially in the case of solo practitioners, sloppy maintenance of one’s trust account must be avoided. Mr. Lenci’s materials included a list of steps that a still-able practitioner can take to anticipate problems in the event of that practitioner’s eventual disability.

Mr. Lenci emphasized the possible pitfalls of cloud computing: extreme care must be taken to ensure the continued confidentiality of client information; issues such as keeping a tightly controlled access to your cloud information, securing adequate back-up of documents, and the necessity of making sure the cloud will notify you of any unauthorized access are only a few of the matters the practitioner (especially the older practitioner) must be aware of. He noted that his firm, K&L Gates, has its own cloud system, which provides greater security and control.

The aging lawyer must withdraw from representing a client, or decline representation in the first place, if impairment has become an issue. In fact, if an attorney does leave the practice due to impairment, the fact of impairment should be disclosed to the client. Mr. Lenci discussed continued on next page
RPC 8.3, the “rat rule.” With respect to impairment, this rule provides that practitioners who know that another lawyer has violated the Rules of Professional Responsibility and is unfit to practice “should inform the appropriate professional authority.” He acknowledged that we may be reluctant to turn in another attorney, and provided the WSBA Ethics Hotline – (206) 727-8284 – which may render guidance to a lawyer faced with a decision of whether or not make such a report.

Mr. Lenci ended his presentation with some tips about closing one’s practice, and provided a checklist with his materials for the retiring practitioner. In addition, he cautioned the practitioner who is considering this to plan ahead, and, if a sale of the practice is considered, to adhere to RPC 1.17. This rule obligates the seller to notify all clients in writing as to the sale, and to inform the clients of their right to retain counsel other than the buyer or to take possession of the file.

The attendees appreciated Mr. Lenci’s skill at dealing with the sensitive issue of attorney impairment. One noted that his subject matter was a “timely subject for our group.” Another recalled that Mr. Lenci answered questions honestly and very well.

Shon Hopwood

Our last speaker of the day was a third-year law student at the University of Washington and a unique student at that. At age 22, Shon Hopwood was sentenced to over 12 years in federal prison after robbing five banks, and was released in 2009 after serving 10 of those years. While in prison, he helped other prisoners write their legal briefs, and in fact two petitions for certiorari that he authored were granted by the U.S. Supreme Court. After he was released from custody, he went to work for the Cockle Law Briefing Company in Omaha, Nebraska. Now, he explained, he is 38 years old, is happily married, has two children, and is a Gates Public Service Law Scholar at the law school. After his law school graduation, he will clerk for the Honorable Janice Rogers Brown of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hopwood inspired the attendees with his story of personal rehabilitation and redemption, and of his efforts on behalf of convicts who have served their sentences and are struggling with life on the outside. He remarked that his 10-year stint was much deserved, and that he was fortunate that his brief-writing skills were recognized by the Cockle firm and that he received crucial help from a woman who would become his wife.

He spoke not only in favor of post-prison help to former inmates as they re-enter society, but advocated a second look at modern America’s incarceration rate, noting that more people have been sentenced to prison in the last 20 years than in all other years combined. He cited some troubling statistics: the U.S. has five percent of the world’s population and 25 percent of its prisoners. The U.S. has 4,571 prisons, while Russia has 1,700. Our recidivism rate is 75 percent, and our prisons cost $70 billion a year. In Washington, he noted, 50 percent of prisoners are returned to custody within three years of their release.

Some solutions: he cited Seattle’s Prison Post-Education Project: for those who finish this program, the recidivism rate is two percent. Relative to Washington’s three-strikes law, he noted the problem of elderly prisoners. To address this problem he recommended parole review after 15 years, followed by five years of parole. Mr. Hopwood spoke admiringly about the Innocence Project.

If there were any skeptics in the crowd at the beginning of Mr. Hopwood’s presentation, there were far fewer at the end. The inspired audience members were effusive in their comments: “thank you!” “excellent!!” and “miraculous story and great poise” were typical compliments paid to our concluding speaker.

We will see you next year!

“This is the best Senior Lawyers’ Conference that I have attended” seemed to reflect the general consensus of our attendees. We hope to see everyone back for next year’s Senior Lawyers’ CLE.
A Few Words from the New Editor

Frankly, I do not know what possessed me to volunteer for this job, about which I know very little. But the Executive Committee, and all the members of the Senior Lawyers Section, are pretty neat people, and I like to please them. I welcome all criticism and suggestions. Don’t worry about hurting my feelings; I have been a public defender for many years and am used to criticism.

I would like to comment about some features in this issue that are of particular interest.

1964 – I remember 1964! I was still in high school and didn’t drink or smoke anything, so my faculties were pretty much unimpaired. Although nobody in Kelso, Washington, seemed to be protesting the Vietnam war, students elsewhere were wearing black armbands in protest and were suspended from school for their efforts. My biggest accomplishment was learning to drive my dad’s 1952 Chevy with a “Three on the Tree” stick shift. The Cold War was on, and it seemed like a good idea to study the language of our enemy, so I began what turned out to be a five-year study of Russian.

Bucket Lists – I would love to read what others have been yearning to do and see. If people add their contributions, I could even make this a regular feature.

Free and Inexpensive Learning Opportunities – Besides the invaluable courses offered at local colleges, there are numerous classes available online. For instance, FutureLearn, in the UK, offers these courses:

Ebola in Context: Understanding Transmission, Response and Control
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
Understand the science behind Ebola with experts in infectious disease epidemiology and public health. Designed for healthcare professionals and students.

Ebola: Symptoms, History and Origins
Lancaster University
Go behind the headlines to learn more about Ebola, its symptoms and where the current outbreak came from. Ideal for anyone with an interest in science or medicine.

Shale Gas and Fracking: the Politics and Science
The University of Nottingham
Explore the science behind shale gas and fracking. Learn why it divides political and public opinion, hearing from all sides of the debate.

Much Ado about Nothing: in Performance
University of Birmingham
Discover how this play is performed and interpreted - from original stagings to the present day. Meet the director and cast of the Royal Shakespeare Company’s current production.

Please feel free to contact me by my e-mail address or by snail mail (P.O.Box 5346, Vancouver, WA 98668). You know you want to tell me things!

Still baffled,
Jan Anderson

Would You Like to Do Lunch or Something?

By Fred Frederickson

The questionnaire at the May 2014 Senior Lawyers Seminar inquired whether Section members would like “to attend lunches, cocktail parties or other informal gatherings with senior lawyers.” The responses produced a mixed result: 48.5 percent said yes; 17.1 percent said no; and 34.2 percent declined to answer. With this mandate, I press forward.

In the early 1970s during my days as a fledgling associate I recall a lunchtime “round table” reserved for lawyers at an Olympic Hotel restaurant (perhaps the Olympic Grill or Marine Room). A handful of lawyers dropped in every day; some were regulars, some were not. Spirited and convivial conversations generally ensued. Similarly, I very much enjoy periodically breaking bread with members of my former Army Reserve JAG unit. It is truly a wonderland where “war stories” abound and trials are always won.

With this prologue, I suggest formation of a Senior Lawyers Round Table, where Section Members can meet old friends and make new ones over lunch. Please send me an email at foffrederickson@aol.com with the caption, “Round Table,” if you would like to join other vintage lawyers for a no-host lunch. I will organize a luncheon gathering in early 2015 assuming a sufficient showing of interest.

Questionnaire comments regarding Senior Lawyers Section lunches or other social gatherings include the following:

• Email is the quickest, easiest way to communicate with any size group.
• Possibly one time per year in downtown Seattle
• After a CLE session
• Perhaps a lunch or picnic speaker on a topic of interest
• Quarterly book discussion group
• VFW anywhere
• If travel to Seattle is not necessary
Take a TELOS Class, Go Back to College, Have More Fun This Time Around

By Penny Rathbun

One of the fun things about the TELOS program at Bellevue College north campus is that it is a sort of throwback to the origins of the university.

About a millennia ago students would get together and hire teachers to teach them in subjects of interest. That’s where the throwback part of TELOS stops.

TELOS is a continuing education program of classes specifically for retirees or anyone who wants to enroll. The noncredit courses are all held in the daytime with occasional field trips that may take place in the evening.

Classes for the upcoming winter quarter begin in January 2015. The courses cover a diversity of topics. One of the new classes being offered is “The Original Pinocchio,” an exploration of the original story of Pinocchio that bears little resemblance to the Disney version most people are familiar with. Gabrielle Orsi teaches the course that will place Pinocchio in historical context.

Or a TELOS student can explore the films of an internationally-known filmmaker by enrolling in “The Films of Woody Allen, Part A,” taught by Jay Hurwitz, who has many years of teaching experience all over the world.

As well as a wide variety of classes, new in the fall and winter quarters is the TELOS monthly speakers’ bureau available free to all TELOS students.

Each quarter is different with new classes being taught along with the better-known classes such as “View of the News,” a current events discussion class.

Coming in the spring is a course on Russian history taught by longtime TELOS instructor Edo Ziring and an in-depth study of “Anna Karenina” taught by Bruce Bigley. Or witness a “Cultural Explosion: A Look at American Trends (1900 – 1950)” taught by Kristine Busch.

Tuition for each class is $79.

More information is available at the Bellevue College Continuing Education website at www.BCconted.com or call 425-564-2263 to request a catalog of courses.

The TELOS Student Organization has also recently launched its website. For information on classes and TELOS student activities visit studentweb.bellevuecollege.edu/telos-tso/.

In the winter edition of the TELOS newsletter TELOS program manager Angela Young said, “If you are currently not taking TELOS classes, I encourage you to start today. Our program is phenomenal.”

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First Senior Lawyers Section Seminar

From the Ghost of Christmas Past

In the spring of 1998, the Senior Lawyers Section burst into existence, hosting its first annual seminar. The Section’s Founding Father, Phil De Turk, almost singlehandedly cajoled a host of speakers to discourse on a smorgasbord of interesting topics. With some trepidation, Phil requested volunteers to assist in constructing a new section. Perhaps to his surprise, a handful affirmatively responded, forming the Section’s first Executive Committee.

From the outset, the Executive Committee recognized that section members did not practice in a single field but instead worked in the entire legal spectrum. Thus the Section’s goal is to present the most interesting speakers available regardless of topic.

Another Section focus was and is collegiality. Because Section members are vintage lawyers, every seminar becomes a de facto old-timers’ reunion including law school classmates, former colleagues, and former opponents despised during trial but whose continued respiration now brings us pleasure. A fabulous lunch is an integral part of each seminar where old war stories are again retold. (Your classmate who has never lost a case still hasn’t.)

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Savvy Senior

Burial and Memorial Benefits Available to Veterans

Dear Savvy Senior,

Does the Veterans Administration provide any special funeral services or benefits to old veterans? My father is a 90-year-old World War II veteran with late-stage Alzheimer’s, so I’m looking into funeral options and would like to know what the VA may provide.

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,

Yes, the Veterans Administration offers a number of burial and memorial benefits to veterans if their discharge from the military was under conditions other than dishonorable – which will need to be verified. To do this, you’ll need a copy of your dad’s DD Form 214 “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty,” which you can request online at archives.gov/veterans.

Here’s a rundown of some of the benefits that are available to veterans who die a non-service related death. continued on next page
National and State Cemetery Benefits

If your dad is eligible, and wants to be buried in one of the 131 national or 93 state VA cemeteries (see www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/listcem.asp for a list), the VA benefits provided at no cost to the family include a gravesite; opening and closing of the grave; perpetual gravesite care; a government headstone or marker; a United States burial flag that can be used to drape the casket or accompany the urn (after the funeral service, the flag is given to the next-of-kin as a keepsake); and a Presidential memorial certificate, which is an engraved paper certificate signed by the current President expressing the country’s grateful recognition of the veteran’s service.

National cemetery burial benefits are also available to spouses and dependents of veterans.

If your dad is cremated, his remains will be buried or inurned in the same manner as casketed remains. Funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are not, however, taken care of by the VA. They are the responsibility of the veteran’s family.

Private Cemetery Benefits

If your dad is going to be buried in a private cemetery, the benefits available include a free government headstone or marker, or a medallion that can be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker; a burial flag; and a Presidential memorial certificate.

Funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are again the responsibility of the family, and there are no benefits offered to spouses and dependents that are buried in private cemeteries.

Military Funeral Honors

Another popular benefit available to all eligible veterans buried in either a national or private cemetery is a military funeral honors ceremony. This includes folding and presenting the U.S. burial flag to the veteran’s survivors and the playing of Taps, performed by two or more uniformed military members.

The funeral provider you choose will be able to assist you with all VA burial requests. Depending on what you want, certain forms may need to be completed which is always better to be done in advance. For a complete rundown of burial and memorial benefits, eligibility details, and required forms, visit www.cem.va.gov or call 800-827-1000.

Burial Allowances

In addition to the many burial benefits, some veterans may also qualify for a $734 burial and funeral expense allowance (if hospitalized by VA at time of death), or $300 (if

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Presidential Quiz

With the next presidential election nigh, the Senior Lawyers Section, as a service to its members, offers this quiz as a tool to sharpen their collective wits on arcane facts relating to U. S. presidents. A perfect score is 100. After completing the quiz, you may confirm the accuracy of your responses with the answers, which appear on the following page of this issue.

1. The monogram (Christian name & surname initials) on the towels in the president’s bathroom (e.g. the current monogram is B. O.) remained unchanged for a record-setting four complete consecutive presidential terms. Identify this/these president(s) (8 points). Identify the runner up in this category (2 points).

2. Three descendants of a president have been elected president. Identify the three presidents and their respective descendants. (1 point for each correct answer & 10 points for 6 correct answers).

3. After serving as president, two former presidents became members of the United States Congress. Name them (5 points for each correct answer).

4. Two future presidents have run against each other for the same seat in Congress only once. (For 5 Points each, identify the winner and loser of this election and, for 5 bonus points, what is the significance of this election?)

5. Prior to George H. W. Bush, who was the last sitting vice president to be elected president? (5 points)

6. Identify the last president who was born a British subject (5 points) and the first president who qualified for office as a “natural born Citizen” under Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution (5 points).

7. Prior to the Civil War, five generals served as president. Name each. (2 points for each correct answer).

8. Who was “Old Hickory” (2 points) and who was “Young Hickory” (3 Points)?

9. Who was the first lawyer elected president in the twentieth century? (5 points) and who was the first president of the 48 contiguous states (5 points)?

10. Who is the only nonincumbent president to regain the Oval Office (5 points)?

11. One former president became chief justice of the United States. Name him. (5 points).

12. Who was the Republican Party’s first nominee for president (5 points)? (Hint, he didn’t win.)
not hospitalized by VA at time of death), and a $734 plot-interment allowance to those who choose to be buried in a private cemetery. To find out if your dad is eligible, see benefits.va.gov/benefits/factsheets/burials/burial.pdf.

To apply for burial allowances, you’ll need to fill out VA Form 21-530 “Application for Burial Benefits.” You need to attach a copy of your dad’s discharge document (DD 214 or equivalent), death certificate, and funeral and burial bills. They should show that you have paid them in full. You may download the form at va.gov/vaforms.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.

Presidential Quiz Answers


3. John Quincy Adams served as a member of the House of Representatives and Andrew Johnson served in the Senate.

4. In 1789 future President James Madison and future president James Monroe both ran for the same seat in the U. S. House of Representatives from Virginia. Madison won and subsequently was a principal author and leader in adding the Bill of Rights to the U. S. Constitution.

5. Martin Van Buren.

6. William Henry Harrison was the last president born a British subject and John Tyler was the first president who qualified for office as a “natural born Citizen.”


8. Andrew Jackson was “Old Hickory” and Franklin Pierce was “Young Hickory.”

9. William Howard Taft was the first lawyer to be elected president in the Twentieth Century and he also was the first president of the 48 contiguous states. Arizona, the forty-eighth state, achieved statehood on February 14, 1912.

10. Grover Cleveland first became president on March 4, 1885, serving until March 4, 1889. Defeated in his bid for reelection by Benjamin Harrison, Cleveland was again elected president, serving a second term from March 4, 1893 to March 4, 1897.


1964 was a year of civil rights victories, dance crazes, and Beatlemania. Let’s take a look back at some noteworthy events.

In the News
On July 2, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is signed into law by President Johnson, making it illegal to discriminate against people based on their race, religion, sex, national origin, or the color of their skin, and putting an end to Jim Crow laws that since 1876 have enforced racial segregation.
The U.S. military launches attacks on North Vietnam in response to an alleged attack on a U.S. destroyer off the Vietnamese coast.
Infamous union leader and teamster Jimmy Hoffa is convicted of fraud, conspiracy, and jury tampering and disappears within a year, becoming one of the most well-known unsolved missing persons cases in the world to date.
On Oct. 1, 3,000 student activists at UC Berkeley block a police car from taking a Congress of Racial Equality volunteer arrested for not showing his ID; the protest is the genesis of the Berkeley Free Speech Movement.

Arts and Culture
New dances this year include the Dog, the Swim, the Frug, the Watusi, and the Monkey.
Bonanza is the most popular show on TV, and Gilligan’s Island premiers on Sept. 26.
Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton marry… for the first time.
Two classic children’s books are published: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein.

Science and Technology
On Nov. 28, the space probe Mariner IV performs the first successful flyby of the planet Mars, transmitting the first pictures of the Martian surface back to Earth.
RCA reveals the first color TV set at the New York World’s Fair, and even gives fairgoers a glimpse of themselves broadcast in color on screens set up around the fairgrounds.

The Award Goes To...
The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Cassius Clay defeats Sonny Liston to win his first heavyweight boxing title; on March 6, he changes his name to Muhammad Ali.
Julie Andrews is awarded an Oscar for Best Actress for her film debut as the title role in Mary Poppins.
Henry Mancini wins the Grammy in Best Instrumental Composition for the Pink Panther theme song.

Washington State History
In August, the Beatles give their first Washington concert to 14,300 screaming fans at the Seattle Center Coliseum (now Key Arena).
Frederick Charles “Hutch” Hutchinson, a venerated Seattle sports figure, dies of lung cancer in November. His memory lives on in the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, founded in 1965.
The Washington State Department of Transportation creates the state route highway numbering system to consolidate and organize the state’s highways. For better or worse, I-5 is born.

At the WSBA
95 candidates pass the summer 1964 bar exam. By comparison, 685 candidates passed the summer 2014 bar exam!
The South King County Bar Association is awarded the American Bar Association’s Award of Merit for its efforts in providing legal counsel for indigents accused of misdemeanors in South King County Justice Courts.

Today, We Honor You
You, the members of the WSBA class of ‘64, have seen many changes – cultural, political, and societal – during your years in the legal profession. We hope you enjoy celebrating your 50 years of membership in the Washington State Bar Association, as you gather here today with friends and colleagues to share stories and memories. Your achievements and dedication are an inspiration. You have served our profession and our community for 50 years, and have made us all proud to be lawyers. We salute you and we thank you.

Taken from the 2014 WSBA 50-Year Member Tribute Luncheon Program – Friday, October 24, 2014
Senior Lawyers attending the Section’s May 2014 annual CLE responded to a questionnaire by listing items on their personal “bucket list.” In a separate poll, the Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee disclosed their bucket list aspirations. This article highlights the collective bucket lists of Washington’s venerable lawyers.

Questionnaire Responses by Seminar Attendees

Travel was the prevalent item on the bucket list. (Editor’s Note: Please schedule your travel plans so that you can attend the May 2015 Senior Lawyers seminar.) Other very popular bucket list items include spending time with family, volunteer activities such as serving on boards of charitable organizations, and working out. Other responses ranged from sublime to whimsical, to wit:

- Go to ‘Nam & drink cheap beer
- Write
- Dance
- Pro bono & low bono work
- Paint pictures
- Assist in the management of some small business
- Ride my horse
- Consult
- Read
- Mentor
- Stay at elder hostels
- Serve as an expert witness
- Improve my minimal computer skills
- Buddhist meditation
- Remain active in Senior Lawyers Section [Editor’s Note: Good for you!]
- Design clothes
- Play music
- Improve my foreign language skills
- Golf
- Hunt
- Become more active in systemic political reform and teach another generation to restore democracy [Editor’s Note: We wish you much success.]
- Build a flying car
- Ski
- Fly fishing
- I’m semi-retired, doing arbitrations. I have three volunteer activities: Port Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Television Board, and the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations.

Senior Lawyers Section Executive Committee Bucket List

Here is the Executive Committee’s bucket list:

**Al Armstrong:** 1. Visit the 42-meter telescope after it is completed at Cerro Amazones, Chile (circa 2019). 2. Observe missile launches at Cape Canaveral. 3. Visit Trinity Test Site in New Mexico. Write a book about Seattle’s history or some aspect of it.

**Steve De Forest:** 1. Resumption of foreign travel with my wife. 2. More hiking as long as the limbs/joints hold up. 3. Acceptance of the marginalization that comes with advancing age, and developing the opportunities it enables.

**Ron Thompson:** 1. Walk the Pacific Crest Trail from Canada to Mexico. 2. Visit the Great Wall of China. 3. Ride a camel at the Great Pyramids in Egypt. 4. Spend a week at the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. 5. Hope for at least two more great grandchildren.

**Carole Grayson:** 1. Run more & walk more in places I haven’t been. 2. Improve my knowledge of other languages. 3. Spend more time alone.

**Phil De Turk:** Sure even though I am old and decrepit, I can still dream? Another trip around the World by HAL in spite of the viruses out there. SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME. Golf twice a week without back pain. And getting my name in Life Begins again. [Editor’s Note: Your Life Begins wish is hereby granted.]

**Dudley Panchot:** Catch a salmon with a fly, while fishing from my front yard.

**Fred Frederickson:** 1. Read at least one biography about each U.S. president. 2. Lose 70 pounds. 3. Walk at least two miles four times per week.
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