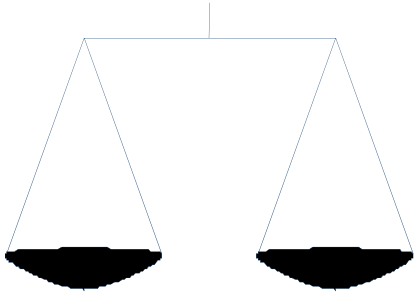


Winnebago County Bar Association

Bar Rag



Lisa Krueger – President
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Mark your calendars for the following CLE Presentations:

Employment Law Updates Jim Macy Presenting

Place: Primo – 2605 Jackson Street, Oshkosh WI 54901

Time: Thursday, October 15, Noon – 1:30pm

Cost: \$13.00 – to the Winnebago County Bar Association

RSVP: no later than Monday, October 12th to Brenda:
bmarks@azco-inc.com or calling 920-380-7627

November 19, 2015	Municipal Law, Primo Restaurant – Oshkosh
December 17, 2015	Ethics Seminar – ½ Day We need your ideas for topics!!!!
January 21, 2016	Conflict Resolution, Primo Restaurant – Oshkosh
February 18, 2016	Elder Law Updates, Primo Restaurant – Oshkosh
March 17, 2016	Family Law / Child Support / Domestic Partnerships ½ Day Seminar – Best Western Bridgewood – Neenah
April 21, 2016	Criminal Law Update, Primo Restaurant – Oshkosh

New Court Hours / Rules

- **Effective September 13, 2015, the Family Court Commissioner's office (Room 220) is open during the lunch hour (12-1pm.)** The staff is staggering their lunches in order to remain open. Please be aware that while the office is open, immediate responses and signatures cannot be guaranteed during this time.

- **Effective immediately, the Family Court Commissioner's office has implemented the following policy regarding submitting Orders after hearings:**

1. If more than one attorney is present at the hearing, the Order must be signed by the non-drafting attorney(s) identifying their approval. If the attorney drafting the order does not get a response, or if the attorneys cannot agree on the language, a letter should be sent to the appropriate Commissioner requesting a telephone conference to address the language of the Order. Proposed Orders should not be submitted.
2. If there is one attorney and one pro se litigant, the Order can be submitted to the Court asking the Court to hold the order for 5 days for the litigant to object to the language of the Order.

This procedure applies to the FCC office only. Any questions about the preferences of each individual Court should be addressed with the appropriate Judge.

Please be aware that the Local Court Rule as it relates to submitting Orders is currently being reviewed and revised by the Judges. Anticipate a formal rule in the near future requiring that all Orders be submitted within 30 days of the hearing, unless otherwise required by the specific Judge/Commissioner. Anticipate that this rule will be enforced as well.

GAL Seminar Evaluation

Attached is the Evaluation form for the GAL Training that occurred on September 17, 2015. For those who attended, please complete the survey and return it to the Family Court Commissioner's office at your convenience. Any topic and speaker suggestions for future trainings are greatly appreciated.

For those who did not attend the Training but wish to be on the 2016 GAL list used by the Courts, please be sure to either return the registration sheet identifying your request to remain on the list or send a letter to Commissioner Krueger. All requests must include that you are current in your GAL credits.

Elder Law Training

Elder Mediation Training. Last year, this course sold out! So, we are bringing it back again.

Elder Mediation is the fastest growing area of mediation in the country and we have partnered with Rachel Monaco-Wilcox, J.D., an attorney, professor, and mediator out of Milwaukee who specializes in Elder Mediation to bring this program to the Fox Valley.

Taking **place November 12-14, 2015 at the Coughlin Center in Oshkosh**, this training is for anyone interested in the issues affecting the elderly. CLE credits have been applied for (last year this course was approved for 19 CLE credits [including 1.5 ethics]). The registration form is attached.

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President, Wisconsin Association of Mediators
Chair, State Bar of Wisconsin, Dispute Resolution Section

A little last minute, but there's still time....

The Appellate Practice Section of the State Bar has partnered with the Wisconsin Court of Appeals for District III to present a special **day-long CLE program on October 5, 2015, in Wausau**. The program is an introduction to practice before the District III court, and features Deputy Chief Judge Lisa K. Stark, Judge Thomas M. Hruz, Reserve Judge Mark Mangerson, court staff attorneys, Attorney Dean Dietrich and other distinguished presenters.

Here's a link to the program schedule:

http://marketplace.wisbar.org/Pages/CA2364_SchedFaculty.aspx#schedule



Court of Appeals Judges Lisa K. Stark and Thomas M. Hruz

It's also a good value. For 6 credits, including 1 ethics credit, tuition is \$50 for Appellate Practice Section members, \$125 for non members. Lunch is included. If you're not a section member, you can join for \$20 and get the special discounted rate. Just contact the State Bar at service@wisbar.org or (800) 728-7788 and indicate that you'd like to join the Appellate Practice Section. Once you're a member, the discounted rate will appear on the registration page when you're signed-in to the bar's web site.

Here's a link to the registration page:

<http://marketplace.wisbar.org/Pages/eventDetails.aspx?category=&cat=&pid=CA2364L>

Statewide Judicial Evaluation (we don't know if the deadline is being enforced, so please feel free to return your evaluation)

Gannett Wisconsin Media is conducting a statewide judicial evaluation, using anonymous feedback from trial attorneys to give voters a better understanding of how their judges are performing. We've gotten more than 2,000 responses so far from around the state, which is great, but there are still some judges who don't have enough feedback for us to include the results (due to the small sample size).

You can access the survey at http://postcrescent.biz/appleton/judicial_evaluation. The password is judiciary.

For your background, I've attached a copy of the original letter we sent detailing the project. The survey results will be published in print and online by the 10 Gannett-owned daily newspapers. To ensure anonymity, we'll publish only the totals for each judge, keeping the contents of the individual surveys private.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration. We're hopeful this project can lead to a more informed electorate and a more accountable judiciary.

We have extended the deadline from the original letter to ensure the maximum number of attorneys can weigh in, but we do ask that all submissions come in by Saturday, Sept. 12.

Are You a Newly Licensed Lawyer Practicing in Winnebago County?

The Fox Valley Young Lawyers Association will be holding its annual "Swearing-In" Ceremony for Winnebago County on **October 28, 2015**, at **4:30 p.m.** at the Winnebago County Courthouse with a reception to follow. This event is a great opportunity for new lawyers practicing in Winnebago County to meet some of the Winnebago County Judges and be sworn in.

Please spread the word to any new lawyers or lawyers new to the area. If you would like to participate, please contact Travis Schreurs at tschreurs@stellpfluglaw.com or Caleb Cooper at ccooper@gwkl.net to **RSVP** by **October 21, 2015**.

Office Space Available:

Office space available for one or two attorneys plus staff in downtown Appleton, near the courthouse. Completely furnished and equipped. Contact Tom Zoesch at 920-734-9261 or contact him at: t_tom_zoesch@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Lawyers Project 2015 Fall Training

Registration is Open

The following CLEs are **free** for attorneys who commit to or currently provide pro bono services to Legal Action's low-income clients.

American Family Training Center Madison, WI	Manpower Group Milwaukee, WI (Note new location)
Oct. 28 – Bankruptcy (6.5*) Oct. 29 – AM – Tax Law (3*) Oct. 29 – PM - Consumer Law (3.5*) Oct. 30 – Family Law Trial Skills (6*) *CLE credits requested	Nov. 11 – AM – Expungements (3*) Nov. 12 – AM – Unemployment (3*) Nov. 12 – PM - Senior Law (3*) Nov. 13 – Housing Law (6*) *CLE credits requested

For more detailed information and registration go to:

<http://vlp.legalaction.org>

Newsletter - If, as a member, you would like to post an announcement in the monthly newsletter, please let us know. As in the past, these can be new-hires, job postings, space-for-rent or other announcements that have to do with your practice.

If you are a member of the WCBA, as well as a member of another non-profit organization, you are welcome to post event announcements to the rest of the membership encouraging them to attend – for example – the date for the Neenah Rotary Uncorked and Uncapped fundraiser, or the Black & Pink Ball benefitting the non-profit you are a board member for. We'd be happy to let everyone know. Send us an email and we'll make sure it's printed.

Keep in mind, you are the contact person and will be listed in the newsletter as the point of contact for more information and questions.