

The Informant

THE ST. CROIX VALLEY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote a legal system whereby the rights and privileges of all persons are asserted and protected. We are dedicated to strengthening public trust in our legal system. We promote high ethical standards, civility, and professionalism amongst all attorneys. We encourage our members to serve the public. As officers of the court, we have an important role in assisting courts in the administration of justice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/31-11/1/07: Wisconsin Supreme Court will hold oral arguments at the St. Croix County Government Center – see below for the schedule and SCVBA reception info.

November, 2007: ½ day CLE (date TBA).

12/6/07: SCVBA Christmas party

NEW WEB ADDRESS FOR THE SCVBA

We've got a new name! The official web site for the SCVBA is now: www.stcroixvalleybar.org.

Be sure to add the new address to your list of favorites.

Law firms are also encouraged to add a link to the new website from the firm's own web page.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Officers of the St. Croix Valley Bar Association met in July to plan the next year's events. As you will see from the calendar of events in this issue of the Informant, we have an exciting year ahead of us.

On October 31 and November 1, the Wisconsin Supreme Court will hear oral arguments at the St. Croix County Government Center. They will be hearing three cases each day, at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Five of the cases are criminal matters, but the matter scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on October 31 is a civil matter involving the "made-whole" doctrine. A reservation system is being used for those wishing to attend a hearing, and it is anticipated the spots will fill up by early October. To reserve a spot, contact Colleen Flesher at (608) 266-1298 or at colleen.flesher@wicourts.gov. Also, the SCVBA is hosting a reception for the Justices on Wednesday, October 31,

from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Hudson Golf Club. Details will be forthcoming.

In November we will be hosting a half-day CLE. Our plan is to have the CLE in the afternoon and then follow with a dinner. We are still working on a program and would welcome the input or assistance of our members.

By popular demand, we're moving the annual holiday party back to December. Details will follow shortly, but please mark your calendars for Thursday, December 6.

In 2008 we will be having our annual lunches with the judges from Pierce, St. Croix and Polk Counties. These events are always well-attended and informative, and we will try to get the dates to you as soon as possible so you can mark your calendars.

Because we've been having difficulty finding attorneys brave enough to submit themselves to a roast, we are tentatively planning a Saints game outing in May or June. Of course, if someone has the courage to be roasted, we would welcome you to come forward.

Finally, we are challenging everyone to make pro bono work a part of their practice. We are asking that all of our

members take on a minimum of one pro bono case per year, and we are discussing ways to promote this and to recognize those who rise to the challenge. All suggestions as to how to encourage our members to take on this responsibility are welcome.

As always, I welcome your input, feedback and ideas. I'm excited about the year ahead and hope you take advantage of and enjoy our programs and activities!

- Anne Schmiede

ANNUAL SCVBA GOLF OUTING

A big thanks goes out to Dan Murray for making this years SCVBA golf event another great success. The four-person scramble was held on September 20th at the New Richmond Golf Club. Nine teams competed for prizes and coveted bragging rights. In keeping with tradition, inclement weather was inevitable, but this year the lightening and torrential rains held off just long enough for the last group to finish without anyone getting drenched!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Checkbook Balance (as of September 28, 2007): \$6,273.05.

Thank you to the following members who have paid their 2006-2007 dues:

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(better late than never). Dues are \$35.00 for the year.

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If you have not already done so, you can still send your 2006-2007 dues to SCVBA Treasurer Angela Olson