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Holiday News of Interest



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As this year begins to close around us and we prepare for the new year to come, we savor fond memories of this year. Working with you, our clients, friends and colleagues, has been a true pleasure. We so appreciate the trust and confidence you have placed in us.

Attorney Russell J. Speidel continues to be an active Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, the premier national professional association for attorneys who practice in this area of law. In addition to participating in monthly study meetings with other Washington Fellows, he further expanded his knowledge in the areas of estate planning, asset protection, charitable giving and tax developments by attending in June the Summer meeting of the College. He also repeated as a Super Lawyer, one of the top five percent in the state, according to the magazine, *Washington Law & Politics*. This year, Mr. Speidel was re-appointed for a three-year term to the statewide board of directors of Northwest Justice Project. He gives back to our local community by serving on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, Wenatchee Corps, and volunteering *pro bono* at the Senior Center Law Clinic.

Attorney David J. Bentsen authored and presented materials at several estate planning related seminars this year, contributing to our profession. Mr. Bentsen also attended a number of seminars to expand his knowledge in the field and enable him to better serve our clients. In April, he shared his legal expertise at the Limited Practice Officer annual seminar with a presentation on “Fundamentals of Section 1031 Exchanges.” Mr. Bentsen then attended a two-day Estate Planning Conference in November. Finally, in December, he will speak at a Washington State Bar Association Probate and Trust program on the subject of “Estate Planning for Indian Tribal Members by the Non-Indian Law Attorney.”

We want you to know that we plan to hire an Associate Attorney. Speidel Bentsen LLP is an established leader in the practice areas of Wills, Trusts and Estates, Probate, Tax and Estate Planning, with a substantial practice in Residential and Commercial Real Estate, Agribusiness and Business Law, and Immigration. If you know of anyone who you believe would be a good fit for our firm, please ask them to contact Jean Speidel at 509-662-1211 or jean@speidelbentsen.com. We look forward to expanding our capacity to contribute to our community and provide practical solutions to the needs of our clients.

Jean Speidel, Tawnya Nelson and Tiffany Reyes welcomed Legal Assistant **Katherine Miller** to our administrative team this year. We are indeed fortunate to have such excellent personnel.

With warmth and appreciation, we wish you happiness this season and always.