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News of Interest
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Happy Holidays! The best thing about this time of year is the opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust and confidence of our clients, friends and colleagues with whom we work. Serving you truly brings us joy.

We were pleased that in January 2019, **Speidel Bentsen LLP** was honored as the Best Professional Business of 2018 by the Wenatchee Downtown Association. We were particularly singled out for our helpfulness, professionalism and courtesy.

Attorney **Russell J. Speidel** received in June from the Chelan Douglas Bar Association the Robin Gaukroger Professionalism and Civility Award. This annual award is given for exemplary standards of civil professional conduct as a member of the Chelan Douglas Bar Association. Mr. Speidel continues to be active with the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), the premier national professional association for attorneys who practice in this area of law. Attending the Fall Meeting of ACTEC in Philadelphia in October enabled him to stay abreast of current developments in Fiduciary Litigation, Fiduciary Income Tax, Estate and Gift Tax, Technology, and Using Positive Strategies to Foster Client Happiness and Well-Being. He also repeated as a Super Lawyer, one of the top five percent in the state, according to the magazine, *Washington Law & Politics*. Mr. Speidel continues to sit on the statewide board of directors of Northwest Justice Project and gives back to our local community through membership on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, Wenatchee Corps, and as a volunteer attorney at the Wenatchee Valley Senior Activity Center.

Attorney **David J. Bentsen** is also a leader in our community, serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Chelan Douglas Bar Association, Secretary of the Board of the Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club, and a Board Member of the Wenatchee Confluence Rotary Foundation. Mr. Bentsen kept up to date professionally by attending the Washington State Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Section Midyear Meeting and Conference in June and the Seattle Annual Estate Planning Seminar in November, where he focused on Developments in Real Estate Brokerage; Liens on Real Property, including condominium and association liens; Fiduciary Accounting best practices; Federal Tax Update; Estate Planning for the Evolving Modern Family; Charitable Planning; Probate and Trust Law; and Cross-Border Estates. Mr. Bentsen also volunteers at the Senior Center in Wenatchee. Our firm provides pro bono professional legal services there on the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year.

As personal highlights, Firm Administrator **Jean, and Russ Speidel** welcomed a granddaughter in April, **David Bentsen** expects a baby girl in January, Senior Legal Assistant **Tawnya Nelson** was thrilled to see the San Francisco production of "Hamilton", Legal Assistant **Lizette Ornelas** celebrated her one-year anniversary in Wenatchee, and Legal Assistant **Tiffany Reyes** sent her youngest child off to kindergarten this fall!

Warm Wishes for Peace and Joy this Holiday Season and in the New Year ahead!

