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**News of Interest
from
SPEIDEL LAW FIRM**
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Since it has been a while since we updated you on our activities, we thought we'd take this opportunity to catch up.

**Super Lawyer...**

RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL has been named in *Washington Super Lawyers*, 2013 edition, as one of the top attorneys in Washington. Only five percent of the lawyers in the state are selected as *Super Lawyers*. Mr. Speidel is the only Estate Planning and Probate attorney in North Central Washington to be so honored. Mr. Speidel has been named to the *Super Lawyers* list each year since 2007.

**Seminars attended and presented...**

Attorney RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL spoke on May 13 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Nonprofit Summit in Chelan, sponsored by the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. He presented "The New Charitable Gift Strategy: Transfer on Death Deeds."

RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL attended the 2013 Midyear Meeting and Seminar of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section of the Washington State Bar Association in Pasco, Washington, June 7 – 9. He attended seminars covering such matters as changes to Washington Trust law, Portability Planning and Estate Planning Considerations for Digital Assets. Mr. Speidel also attended the annual meeting of the Washington Fellows of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC).

Speidel Law Firm Attorney RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL and paralegal JEAN V. E. SPEIDEL attended the 2013 National Conference of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) June 26 through 29, 2013, in San Francisco. During the 3 ½ day conference the Speidels attended immigration law seminars on Employment-Based Immigration, Labor Certification, Worksite Enforcement, Nonimmigrant Visas, Family-Based Immigration and Consular Processing.

On August 19, 2013, RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL spoke to the Wealth Management Team of Baker Boyer Bank in Walla Walla. He addressed recent developments in Trusts and Estates, including the 2013 Amendments to Washington Probate and Trust Law, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, Planning under the Washington Estate Tax Law, the Estate of Bracken, recent legislation in Washington and EHB 2075.

If you belong to a group that would be interested in hearing about any of these, or other, topics within our areas of practice, please call our office. We would be delighted to talk to your organization.

**Upcoming seminar...**

You are cordially invited to attend a seminar of Will & Estate Planning Concepts presented by The Salvation Army and attorney RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL. This free seminar will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Wenatchee Public Library Auditorium.

**Relaxing vacations...**

Russ and Jean Speidel enjoyed visits from family living in Vermont, New York and Florida this summer. Tawnya Petry visited the Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. And David Bentsen will be visiting the Washington, D.C., area the second week of September.

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It's been a great summer!
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