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**News of Interest
from
SPEIDEL LAW FIRM**

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In the midst of summer, we thought we would take this opportunity to update you on a few recent events....

**MID-YEAR MEETING OF REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE AND TRUST SECTION OF WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION** -- RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL attended the 2014 Midyear Meeting and Seminar of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section of the Washington State Bar Association in Marysville, Washington, June 6 – 8. He attended seminars regarding current case law, legislative updates and the trend toward Self Directed IRAs. Mr. Speidel also attended, in Marysville, the annual meeting of the Washington Fellows of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC).

**PLANNED GIVING 101**— In July, Mr. SPEIDEL joined noted Planned Giving expert Dr. Frank Minton to present Planned Giving 101 to area nonprofit Executive Directors and Board members. This all-day workshop was part of the Nonprofit Practices Institute of the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. Specific topics covered included: Basic estate planning concepts, such as Wills and Living Trusts, and tax essentials as they relate to charitable giving; Gifts for today – planned gifts that a charity can use immediately, such as outright gifts of securities, real estate, business interests and other kinds of property; Gifts for the future – those that benefit charities in years to come, such as bequests and beneficiary designations; Gifts that give back – those when the donor receives a financial benefit in addition to a tax deduction, including gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and retained life estate arrangements; How to determine the level of planned giving program appropriate for a particular charity and how to market planned gifts to that charity.

*If you have any questions about Planned Giving, for yourself or for your favorite charity, please call us. Mr. Speidel would be happy to speak with you regarding your interests and options.*

**SUPER LAWYER** -- In June, RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL was named as one of the top attorneys in Washington, in *Washington Super Lawyers*, 2014 edition. 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.

The selections for *Super Lawyers* are made annually through a rigorous multi-phase selection process that includes peer nominations, independent evaluation of candidates by attorney-led research staff, a peer review of candidates by practice area and a good-standing and disciplinary check.

~ ~ We hope you experience a time of rest and restoration this summer ~ ~