

~ ~ March 31, 2014 ~ ~

**News of Interest  
from  
SPEIDEL LAW FIRM**

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We have lots of news for you this time....

**Professionally --**



We are delighted to share with you that Speidel Law Firm has been named to the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. This honor is given to firms in the U.S. and Canada who have achieved the highest rating by their peers in regards to their ethical standards and legal ability. Legal ability ratings are based on performance in the areas of legal knowledge, analytical capabilities, judgment, communication ability and legal experience. Fewer than five percent (5%) of all law firms achieve this distinction. This is a compliment to our firm as a whole, and a credit to all of our personnel.

**Mineral Rights.** Many of our clients have recently discovered that they have valuable oil, gas and mineral interests in Montana and North Dakota inherited from their parents or grandparents. This is wonderful news for them! These projects often involve many different issues. One common issue is the status of the estate of the deceased parent or grandparent, and determining who holds legal title to the mineral interests. Another frequent issue is the wording of the oil and gas lease and the monetary payments proposed by the oil company. A third question can arise regarding the correct legal description. If you find you are in this situation, we can help. Just call our office and ask to meet with either attorney Russ Speidel or attorney David Bentsen.

**Immigration.** Attorney Russ Speidel and Immigration Paralegal Jean Speidel spoke to the Moses Lake Rotary Club in February on the subject of “The Immigration Journey: From Immigrant to United States Citizen”. We discussed the ways in which immigrants are able to come to the United States legally, and the process by which they then become citizens of our country.

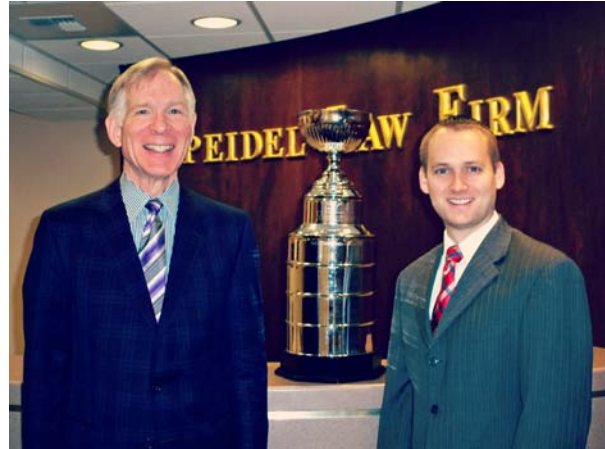
Also in February, attorney David Bentsen attended the two-day 2014 American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Northwest Conference in Portland, Oregon. His seminars focused primarily on family and business immigration topics.

We would be pleased to consult with you on immigration matters. We would also be happy to speak to your church or community organization about immigration. We are interested in providing community education and promoting constructive dialogue regarding immigration. Feel free to call our office and speak to Jean Speidel about scheduling a presentation.

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**Charitable giving --**

The **Campaign for Equal Justice** is the statewide annual fund drive for LAW Fund, which provides vital operating support for over 20 civil legal aid programs in Washington. The campaign allows resources to be pooled together to serve a great number of families and individuals struggling to access legal help. County bar associations across the state compete to see who has the highest rate of participation in the legal community for raising funds, and we are proud that the Chelan-Douglas County Bar Association won the award this year with a highest ever 62%. Pictured with the Rainier Cup are attorneys Russ Speidel and David Bentsen at Speidel Law Firm. To contribute, visit the website: <http://c4ej.org/campaign-for-equal-justice>.



**And last but not least --**



**Lawyers Having Fun** – The biennial Attorney Talent Show was held March 15, 2014. This show, by and for attorneys, benefits Chelan-Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services (“VAS”), which provides free civil legal services to low income people. **David Bentsen** performed in “Mad About Plaid,” a Scottish square dance. **Russ and Jean Speidel** performed “Over the Rainbow” as arranged by Israel Kamakawiwo’ole. **Russ** also performed

in a duet of Simon & Garfunkel songs, sang the Creedence Clearwater Revival song “Susie Q” with a band, and even garnered the coveted “Biggest Ham” award. Everyone had a wonderful time while raising \$6,700 for VAS. There is already talk of a Speidel Law Firm act at the next show in two years! Contributions to this worthy organization may be sent to VAS, 300 Okanogan Street, Suite 3B, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

**So there you have it, our News of Interest.**

~ ~ We wish you a very Sunny Spring! ~ ~