

~ ~ **October 31, 2014** ~ ~

**News of Interest
from
SPEIDEL LAW FIRM**

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Welcome **Johana Cardenas**, Legal Assistant. Johana joined Speidel Law Firm in May 2014.



She is a 2011 graduate of Wenatchee High School and attended Wenatchee Valley College, the first in her family to attend college. Johana speaks and writes fluent Spanish. When you call or come in for an appointment Johana is likely to be the person who greets you. We are very pleased to have Johana as a member of our team.

Congratulations to Attorney **David Bentsen**! David was recently elected to leadership positions



in two organizations. David was elected President of the Board of Directors of Chelan Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services, which provides free legal services to low income people in our community. David was also elected Secretary of the Board of the Row and Paddle Club. In addition, he continues to serve as Secretary of the Chelan-Douglas Young Lawyers Division, which helps new and young lawyers orient themselves in the legal and local community, with a focus on public service, mentorship, and work-life balance. We are proud of David for giving back to our community in these many ways.

Attorneys **Russell Speidel** and **David Bentsen** attended the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Estate Planning Seminar



sponsored by the Estate Planning Council of Seattle and the Washington State Bar Association in Seattle on October 30 and 31, 2014. They attended seminars covering the following topics:

- Business Interests in Trusts and Estates;
- Federal Tax Update;
- The Role of Lawyers in Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing;
- End-of-Life Directives and Planning;
- Charitable Planning for Upper-Income Donors;
- Hot Topics in Estate Planning;
- Washington Probate and Trust Law Update;
- How Income Tax Planning Trumps Federal Estate Tax Avoidance;
- Creatively Using Lifetime and Testamentary QTIPs;
- Residence, Domicile and Choice of Law;
- Self-Directed IRAs and Other Interesting Retirement Plan Developments; and
- Notice, Information-Sharing and Other Issues under the Washington Trust Act.

If you would like information on any of these topics, please call and speak with either Mr. Speidel or Mr. Bentsen. We welcome the opportunity to update you on the latest thinking in these areas.

On October 30, Mr. Speidel also attended a meeting of the Washington Fellows of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC).

~ ~ **We wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!** ~ ~