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News of Interest

From

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Dear clients, friends, and colleagues:

As we reflect on this past year and look forward to the new year to come, we are full of gratitude for the wonderful opportunities we have had to work with you.

Ukraine has been on our minds this year due to the invasion by Russia on February 24. In March, attorney **Russ Speidel** organized a public forum to address the war. Thereafter, he chaired a series of public meetings designed to answer the question, "What can we do to help the people of Ukraine?" Arising from these meetings was the formation of **Friends of Ukraine Refugees**. Mr. Speidel serves pro bono as the founding President of the Board. **Friends of Ukraine Refugees** now actively supports over 40 refugee families who fled the war in Ukraine. Leaving their homes with only the clothes on their backs, they reside in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Soap Lake, and Moses Lake. Key volunteers coordinated by the Board provide these refugees with guidance, monthly rent assistance, food, clothing, phones, laptop computers, bicycles, cash support, transportation, interpretation services, Seattle immigration attorney representation, medical and physician donated services, and welcoming friendships. Donations to **Friends of Ukraine Refugees**, a 501(c)(3) public charity, are welcome. The address is P.O. Box 686, Wenatchee, WA 98807-0686.

Attorney **David Bentsen** was also active in charitable work this year. He presently serves as the Secretary for the Wenatchee Confluence Rotary Foundation, a public charity which provides grant funding to local area nonprofit organizations. Mr. Bentsen is the Chair of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee, which awards the New Frontiers Scholarship to graduating seniors at Wenatchee High School who plan to attend college or technical school. He is also the 2022-2023 President of the Estate Planning Council of North Central Washington, a nonprofit membership group of attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, and executive directors of nonprofit organizations in Chelan and Douglas Counties.

We want you to know that we plan to hire an Associate Attorney. Speidel Bentsen LLP is an established leader in the practice areas of Complex Estate Tax Planning; Probate and Nonprobate Estate Planning; Elder Law; Administration of large and small Trusts and Estates; Real Property; Family Business; Public Charities; Immigration; Litigation and Mediation involving Trusts, Estates, Real Property and Closely Held Corporations. If you know of anyone who you believe would be a good fit for our firm, please ask them to contact Jean Speidel at 509-662-1211 or jean@speidelbentsen.com. We look forward to expanding our capacity to contribute to our community and provide practical solutions to the needs of our clients.

From all of us to all of you:

~ **We wish you peace and joy this holiday season and throughout the coming year** ~