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News of Interest from SPEIDEL LAW FIRM



To you, our clients, friends and colleagues, we extend our sincere wishes for a very happy holiday season. As we reflect on this past year and look forward to the new year to come, we truly appreciate the opportunities we have to work with you. Thank you!

In 2014, Martindale-Hubbell named **Speidel Law Firm** to its Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. This honor is given to no more than five percent of firms in the U.S. and Canada who have achieved the highest rating by their peers in regards to ethical standards and legal ability. This is a compliment to our firm as a whole, and a credit to all of our personnel.

Attorney **Russell J. Speidel** continues to be active with the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, the premier national professional association for attorneys who practice in this area of law. He also repeated as a Super Lawyer, one of the top five percent in the state, according to the magazine, *Washington Law & Politics*. In addition, Mr. Speidel serves on the statewide board of directors of Northwest Justice Project. He gives back to our local community by serving on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, Wenatchee Corps.

Attorney David J. Bentsen kept up to date by attending seminars focused on Real Estate, Estate Planning and Elder Law, which enable him to better serve our clients. David is also a leader in our community, serving as president of the board of directors of Chelan Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services and secretary of the Board of the Chelan-Douglas Young Lawyers Division, as well as secretary of the Board of the Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club.

Jean Speidel, **Tawnya Petry** and **Danielle Thueringer** were pleased to welcome legal assistant **Johana Lozano** to our administrative staff this year. Johana speaks and writes fluent Spanish, and is the person who most often greets callers to our office.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you this year. We greatly value the trust and confidence you place in us.

Happy Holidays! We wish you glad tidings and a Happy New Year!