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Seminars Galore!

Speidel Law Firm staff made several presentations in May. We enjoy speaking to professional and community groups very much. If you belong to a group that would be interested in hearing about any of these, or other, topics within our areas of practice, please call our office. We would be delighted to talk to your organization.

Jean Speidel and **Attorney Michael G. Bradford** spoke to the Wenatchee Chapter of the National Association of Professional Mortgage Women on May 8, and Mike subsequently addressed the Rotaract Club. Their subject was **"What do You Need to Know About Immigration?"** Topics discussed included: How Foreigners legally arrive in the United States with Immigrant and Non-immigrant Visas, Asylum or Refugee status; Amnesty Programs in 1986 and 2000-01; How one achieves Lawful Permanent Residency; Eligibility for Naturalization; and the Naturalization Process.

Attorney Russell J. Speidel served as one of the program faculty for the Annual Senior Lawyers Conference presented by the Washington State Bar Association in Seattle on May 11. Mr. Speidel spoke on the topic of "Estate and Gift Planning in the Current Environment."

And jumping ahead to add a bit of June in here, **Attorney Russell J. Speidel** spoke at the June 6 Nonprofit Summit in Chelan, sponsored by the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. He presented "**Three Case Studies in Charitable Bequests ---- What should you do when you receive notice that your charity is the beneficiary of a decedent's Will? What can go wrong, or right? Be prepared! Sooner or later this will happen to you!**"

Wenatchee Valley Business World 30 Under 35

Here's a sneak preview for you – we are thrilled (but not surprised) that **Attorney David J. Bentsen** has been selected by the Wenatchee Valley Business World as one of the 2012 "30 Under 35" exceptional up-and-coming professionals in our community. They will be featured in the August edition of the magazine.

This was our response to the question "Why should we include the nominee in the 30 Under 35 list?"

"David Bentsen demonstrates exceptional professional ability and community leadership. A Speidel Law Firm attorney since 2009, David is an excellent lawyer. His 2011 brief against the Recall of Coulee City Mayor Rick Heiberg resulted in the Washington Supreme Court ruling in our client the Mayor's favor without requiring oral argument. David has earned the respect and gratitude of our estate planning and real estate clients.

"David has served on the Chelan-Douglas Volunteer Attorney Services Board since 2011 and volunteers for the VAS Seniors Clinic, providing free legal services to low income seniors in our community.

"David is also a member of the Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club Board (2009 – present). David is currently working to establish a rowing program for adults.

"David serves as President-Elect of Wenatchee Rotaract Club, a young professionals service club affiliated with the Downtown Wenatchee Rotary Club. David is the Rotaract representative on the Westside Leadership Committee of Rotary."

We are sure you will agree that David clearly deserves this recognition!

June 21 is the longest day of the year – let's enjoy it!