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SALC attorney George Zarzana says good bye

by George Zarzana

As I think back over the 9-1/2 years that I served as a staff attorney at SALC, many things come to mind: the dedication and professionalism of the attorneys and support staff, the generosity of the Night Clinic volunteers and board members, and the financial support of the donors. I enjoyed the give-and-take among the lawyers and the opportunity to help new attorneys make the transition from law school to law practice. I saw SALC expand from a single office with five attorneys to three offices with 13 attorneys, as the vision of Keith Raines and Tom Caruso evolved from an idea to a successful nonprofit law firm.

The Clinic exists to provide legal services for clients who need representation in family law matters, but who lack the financial resources to retain counsel elsewhere. Overwhelmed by their situations, all types of people come to the Clinic for help. Some cases involve relatives who have acted as parents for children. The client seeks legal custody of the children to provide stability and love that the biological parents could not, or would not, give. I remember one case that I worked on when the paternal grandparents adopted their grandchild, whose father was in prison and whose mother was addicted to drugs. The grandparents had provided the only stable home the child had ever known. After the adoption, the grand parents and their new daughter share their family life without fear of disruption by the reappearance of a long absent and emotionally uninvolved biological parent. Another type of case that I often saw



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From the Director's Chair

Raising the Bar



Dear Friends of SALC:

Governor Kulongowski, in a recent speech, stated that Oregon legislators need to “raise the bar” regarding funding for education in Oregon. This is a perfect phrase for all of us who care about justice, and helping people in need. It is time for all of us to “raise the bar”, and demand that all Oregonians have access to legal representation when they need it.

St. Andrew Legal Clinic recently celebrated 25 years of providing legal services to low income people with family law needs in the Portland metropolitan area. The Clinic now has 13 full-time attorneys, with offices in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas County,

meeting the needs of over 2,000 low income people each year. Thank you to all of you who have helped make this possible. We are looking forward to the challenge of doing much more in the next 25 years.

Where do we go from here? The need for legal services to low income people continues to be great. When you are in the business of helping people in need, your work is never done, but I am constantly reminded that everything we do makes a positive difference in people's lives. I am also reminded that often times we improve our society one person at a time. Here is an example of one of those instances:

Martha is a 30 year old mother of three who married when she was 20 years old. At the time of her marriage, she already had a young child from another relationship and had no job experience or education.

When the relationship with her husband deteriorated and he became mentally and physically abusive, she had nowhere to turn. She had no income, little family support, no employment skills, and three small children to care for. She

could not leave the house, yet it was almost unbearable for her to stay there. She felt trapped with no where to turn.

SALC was able to help secure Martha's future, providing her with the stability to leave the house with custody of her children and money in her pocket. She now has hope of a new and healthy life for herself and the children. Big challenges remain for Martha and her children, but now opportunities and possibilities are available to her, that would not have been, without SALC's legal assistance.

Not only do we help our clients “raise the bar” but as an organization we are challenging ourselves to do the same by continuing to seek opportunities that expand our legal services into the Gresham area and potentially into Clark County, WA. We are also challenging ourselves to keep the sliding fee scales affordable for low and moderate income people.

SALC can only accomplish these basic goals with your help, both with your time and your financial resources. Together we can show the public that lawyers do make a positive difference within our community, by helping people in the middle of a family law crisis obtain the legal representation they so desperately need.

It is a pleasure to work for an organization whose overriding goal is to help people. Please join us as we strive for justice and “Raising the Bar”.

Sincerely,

Joel Overlund, Executive Director

George Zarzana says Good Bye,

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involved mothers struggling to maintain a stable and secure home for themselves and their children. Many of these women were not receiving any support from their significant other and needed assistance to obtain that financial support, to sort out supervised or unsupervised visitation schedules, and to secure their property rights.

In several cases I represented victims of domestic violence who were in the process of getting themselves,

and their children out of abusive situations. By the time their cases end, these women hardly recognize their transformation into self-assured, and confident parents, ready to deal with the challenges ahead.

Working with clients such as these provided great personal satisfaction for me. As I move on to a new phase in my legal career, I am confident that SALC will continue to provide legal representation for those whose need is great but whose resources are limited.

THANK YOU

to members of St. Andrew Legal Clinic's 2004 Leadership Circle

The following individuals, companies, & organizations contributed generous gifts of \$1,000 or more to help St. Andrew Legal Clinic 'Bridge the Gap' in 2004.

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The Mission of St. Andrew Legal Clinic is to provide legal services for low income people with family law needs.

Walk or Run for Justice on Saturday June 25th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this year's '5 Miles for Justice' event which will take place on Saturday, June 25th at 10 am. (Registration begins at 8:30 am) SALC's '5 Miles for Justice' is a fun five mile walk or run that takes place in Northeast Portland.

With your help, we hope to raise over \$75,000 which will go directly towards helping more low income people receive legal representation at SALC's offices in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties!

The 2005 '5 Miles for Justice' will again take place at Bernie's Southern Bistro located at 2904 NE Alberta Street. Brochures with more information about this year's walk will be sent out in May but save the date and start raising your pledges now!

Over 200 people participated in last year's event raising a whopping \$60,000! Thanks to all who participated and made the event an outstanding success! If you would like to volunteer on this year's '5 Miles for Justice' Committee, would like more information about sponsoring the event, or would like to volunteer, please call the Development Department at 503-281-1500 ext. 24.



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On your marks. Get set.
Go! And they're off!



SALC staff members Joel Overlund, Laura Heiser, and Elaine Hamm flex their muscles



Bob Demary and his band



Walkers Paul Galm and Stacey Berg smile for the camera

Thank you to the foundations that supported SALC in 2004

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Looking back at 2004

A Toast to SALC and 25 Years of Bridging the Gap...

On Thursday, September 30th over 100 people gathered at JAX restaurant in downtown Portland to celebrate in honor of SALC's 25th Anniversary. Attendees of the celebration included past and present SALC Board, staff, donors and volunteers.

Aside from the cocktails and good food to commemorate the occasion, there was a short program, emceed by former SALC board members Sid Lezak and Chris Kent. Sid and Chris reflected on SALC's 25 year history, including recognizing the over 25,000 people who have been helped throughout the years and the expansion of SALC offices into Washington County in 1996 and into Clackamas in 2001. SALC founders' Judge Keith Raines and Tom Caruso were also praised for making their vision a reality. Probably the most powerful part of the program was when former SALC client, Cassandra Garrison, now the Public Policy Manager at the Oregon Food Bank, talked about how SALC helped change her life. The program finished with volunteer of the year awards given out to volunteers Jo Walker, Bruce McGlaughlin and Ken Iltz. Fun was had by all.

More breaking SALC news...

Portland Postings/Multnomah County

There have been a number of staff changes at SALC's main office in Multnomah County. After her 9-year stint as SALC's Office Manager, Rosie Grove is now a Financial Specialist for Oregon Public Broadcasting. Attorney George Zarzana left SALC in December 2004 after representing low income clients at SALC for over 10 years. SALC Billing Specialist Linda Munsey recently moved on to take an administrative position with Volunteers of America. Lastly, attorney Courtney Kreutz left SALC this past November and is now practicing workers' compensation defense with the Gilroy Law Firm. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavors.

A warm welcome to new hires in Multnomah County including our newest staff attorney Jennifer Grossman who started with SALC in Fall of 2004. Jennifer graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in May 2003 and has previously served as a Judicial Clerk in Oregon City. Our new Billing Specialist is Ahndrayah Andrews who worked for Ater Wynne law firm for almost 20 years prior to coming to SALC. Tim Peck replaced Rosie Grove



25th Anniversary Attendees: SALC current board member Greg Mowe (far left) with past board members Joy Ruplinger, Chris Rounds and Alan McCollum

Happy 25th Birthday to St. Andrew Legal Clinic and another sincere thank you to all of our past and present volunteers, staff, and donors. It is only as a result of your donated time, commitment, expertise, dollars and energy that SALC is the great organization that it is today!

as Office Manager in Spring 2004. Tim was formerly the Business Manager with St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Congratulations go to Multnomah County Law Clerk Connie Lukes who was recently awarded the Shepard scholarship, in honor of Bill and Ann Shepard. This scholarship was awarded to only three students nationwide who have been actively involved in projects addressing issues of civil rights and intolerance. Connie has been doing a great job clerking for SALC over the past year.

Happenings to the South/Clackamas County

Replacing attorney Maria Caloma in Clackamas County is new hire Diane Rulien who joined the Clackamas County team in December 2004. After graduating from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College, Diane had her own domestic relations law practice in Portland for 11 years prior to SALC. Welcome Diane!

SALC Volunteers make a HUGE difference!

ST. ANDREW LEGAL CLINIC is extremely grateful to each of its 111 volunteers who donated over 2,000 hours of time in 2004 volunteering as receptionists and intake attorneys at weekly night clinics in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. Most of our volunteers are attorneys and consult with potential clients, with the assistance of the staff attorney, advising them of their rights, procedures, court costs, and what it would cost to retain SALC. It is only with our many volunteers' help that SALC can continue to grow and keep our rates low.

A special congratulations and thank you to our 2004 Volunteers of the Year at each of our three offices:

Volunteer of the Year for Multnomah County

Jo Walker

Jo has been volunteering for SALC for an outstanding 8 years. She graduated from Golden Gate Law School in San Francisco 11 years ago and has had her own family law practice ever since. Jo believes so strongly in SALC's mission and service delivery that



she models her own practice similarly including charging clients on the same sliding fee scale as SALC. Jo is married with 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Volunteer of the Year for Washington County

Bruce McLaughlin

Bruce has been volunteering with SALC since he got his law degree back in 1997. This is the 3rd time that he has won the volunteer of the year award for SALC. A few years ago Bruce also won the Oregon State Bar's pro bono challenge, volunteering more hours than any other attorney in the state of Oregon.

In addition to having his own family law practice in Portland, Bruce is engaged to be married and collects shoes, suits, rock memorabilia in his free time. He lives with two Irish settlers.



Volunteer of the Year for Clackamas County

Ken Iltz

Ken began volunteering at St. Andrew Legal Clinic's Night Clinic in 2000. He has been conducting day intakes once a week at the Clackamas County Office in the last year and volunteered over 100 hours. He began his legal career in Washington D.C. writing tax regulations and legislation for the Internal Revenue Service.

He then went on to be a tax lawyer (and partner) with Preston Gates & Ellis specializing in municipal finance and is now retired. Ken is married and enjoys spending time with his 10 year old granddaughter. When he is not volunteering, he and his wife love to travel and most recently took a cruise through the Panama Canal.



How many people did SALC help in 2004?

of night clinic consultations:

Multnomah County: 869 people

Clackamas County: 421 people

Washington County: 721 people

TOTAL – 2,011 Individuals/Families Served

of clients receiving full representation:

Multnomah County: 281 people

Clackamas County: 96 people

Washington County: 196 people

TOTAL – 573 Individuals/Families Represented

If you would like to make a gift to SALC, please complete the enclosed envelope.

SALC welcomes its newest Board Member

Simeon Rapoport



Sim recently joined SALC's Board of Directors but he is not new to St. Andrew Legal Clinic. He has served on SALC's Walk for Justice Committee the past two years and is the Chair of this year's '5 Miles for Justice' event. Professionally, Sim is the Assistant Counsel & Director of Litigation at Standard Insurance Company, a major national life and disability carrier. He manages

The Standard's ERISA, bad faith and other ERISA claims litigation across the country. He has been with Standard Insurance since 1998. Prior to that time, he was an attorney with Bullivant Houser Bailey and Bodyfeldt.

Sim is an extremely active volunteer and serves on the Board of Directors for the Multnomah Bar Association and United Cerebral Palsy, and is a member of the Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners as well as the Oregon State Bar Litigation Section Executive Committee, Program Chair of the Defense Research Institute Life Health & Disability Committee and Vice Chair of the ABA TIPS Health & Disability Insurance Law Committee, and the list goes on. In addition his many volunteer endeavors, Sim also frequently lectures and writes on various litigation and insurance-related topics.

During his, limited, free time, Sim spends most of it with his two sons, Alex (15) and Jesse (9). He also enjoys traveling, skiing, watching sports, and of course raising funds for SALC.

**A special thanks to
Dr. Kendall and Chris Rounds,
who served on SALC's Board
of Directors for over a decade.**

We miss you!!



Over \$400,000 raised to help SALC 'Bridge the Gap' in 2004!

ST. ANDREW LEGAL CLINIC raised over \$409,000 from foundations, individuals and companies last year. This includes an outstanding \$60,000 raised from walkers and runners who participated in our 2004 '5 Miles for Justice' that took place last summer. A big thank you to members of SALC Board of Directors, event participants, and to other volunteers who helped St. Andrew Legal Clinic reach its annual campaign goal last year.

Nearly half of SALC's operating budget is raised from private donations while the remainder comes from the reduced fees that the Clinic charges its clients. This year, SALC's 2005 budget is \$1,280,000 to operate its three offices in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties. SALC's 2005 Annual Fund Goal is a whopping \$475,000! If you would like to make a gift to SALC, please use the enclosed envelope.

In the process of buying a house or refinancing?

SALC can benefit...

If you are in the process of buying a house or refinancing, and do it through Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Wells Fargo will make a donation of \$300 to St. Andrew Legal Clinic through its Sharing Advantage Program. All you have to do is fill out a short form, that's it! Please call SALC's Development Department at 503-281-1500 ext. 24 for more information or ask your Wells Fargo Mortgage Consultant about their 'Sharing Advantage Program'.

Stirrings out West/Washington County

Fond Farewell to Paul Finkelstein: We are sad to announce that Branch Manager Paul Finkelstein has left SALC. He has decided to join his wife Dawn LaGrone in private practice at her office in Hillsboro. Paul was with SALC for 4.5 years and the Branch Manager for half of that time. Taking his place as Branch Manager is SALC attorney, Catherine Barker, who has been with SALC for a year and a half. Catherine has recently returned from maternity leave after giving birth to her first child. Congratulations Catherine!

In December of 2004, attorney Angela Bentz was hired at the WA County Office to replace former SALC staff attorney Sarah Cream, who now works for Gevurtz Menashe Larson and Howe. Angela recently graduated from the University of Texas School of Law with honors. Attorney Roderick Hall also recently joined the staff at Washington County in February 2005. Rod graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1994. Before practicing with SALC, Rod practiced family law in Idaho. Lastly, J.R. Ujifusa, who is a second year law student at Lewis and Clark, started clerking with the Washington County Office last Summer.

Thanks and welcome to all new staff!

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