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A Tribute to SALC Client Ann Corpuz

By SALC attorney Arthur Saito

As attorneys who practice in domestic relations, we listen to our clients relay the most intimate details of their lives. These details often include instances of domestic violence and abuse.

I had the pleasure of knowing Ann Corpuz as a client of St. Andrew Legal Clinic. I say “had” because on January 13, 2004 she was brutally shot and killed by her estranged husband while she waited in the drive through of a fast food restaurant. She had just turned thirty years old.

I had heard about the disturbing facts underlying Ann’s restraining order from courthouse staff, prior to meeting her in June 2003 when she retained SALC to finalize her divorce and seek full custody of her son, Tyler. As her attorney, I learned that she was a loving mother to a five year old boy name Tyler. I learned that she enjoyed writing poetry. I also learned that she was putting her life together and going back to school after several years in a terribly abusive marriage. Through her death, I have learned that there is a cost to



Ann Corpuz and her son, Tyler

domestic violence that cannot be calculated and falls most heavily on our society’s weakest members – young children like Tyler.

Domestic violence has deservedly received more attention in the minds of our

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A Tribute to SALC former client

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From The Director's Chair

Dear Friends of SALC:

2004 marks St. Andrew Legal Clinic's 25th year of operation. All of us associated with the Clinic are so grateful to all friends of the Clinic over the years that have helped make it a success. I believe there has always been in our society a large segment of invisible, hard-working people (the "working poor") who need legal help, but don't qualify for free legal services, and can't afford the high cost of private attorneys. St. Andrew Legal Clinic has bridged that gap for 25 years.

When St. Andrew Legal Clinic was founded in 1979, no one envisioned the enormous impact it would have in the entire Portland area community 25 years later. In the area of family law, the Clinic is now one of the institutions that the Oregon State Bar and the county courts count on to help provide residents of Oregon "access to justice." Since its inception, the Clinic has provided consultation

services to over 31,000 families, and full representation to over 8,000. These are people who would *not* have had legal representation if the Clinic did not exist.

Thanks to people like you, even in difficult economic times, St. Andrew Legal Clinic continues to thrive. We just completed an expansion of our Washington County office, where we now have four attorneys meeting the needs of the growing population of Washington County. Our Clackamas County office, opened in December 2001, continues to help people in Clackamas County, particularly on domestic violence cases. In Multnomah County, we continue to help low income people on family law issues, particularly through our Child Protection and Domestic Violence reduction programs.

2004 promises to be an exciting year. Join me, our Board, and our dedicated staff, on the bridge, as we



continue to "bridge the gap" by providing "legal services to low income people with family law needs." We hope all of you will participate in our 2004 "Walk for Justice" in July, contribute to our 2004 annual fund campaign, come to our 25th anniversary event in the Fall, and continue to refer people to us who need help. Thank you for your faithfulness in helping us to accomplish our mission.

Sincerely,

Joel Overlund, Executive Director

Tribute to Ann Corpuz, continued from page 1

judges, elected officials, law enforcement and citizenry. Our lives are eventually touched by it in one form or another: as professionals, parents, siblings, relatives, or friends.

As staff attorneys at SALC, we are committed to representing clients who come to us with domestic violence issues. We offer our sincere condolences to victims like Ann Corpuz and their families. If you would like to make a donation in memory of Ann to help support her son Tyler, please go to any U.S. Bank and ask if you can contribute to the "Tyler Corpuz" fund.

There are 60,000 domestic violence victims each year in Oregon alone. If you or someone you know needs help, call the Portland Women's Crises Line at 503-235-5333.

Poem by Ann Corpuz

My Beautiful Baby Boy

*You have given me the most wonderful joy
And I love you so very much
You are my beautiful baby boy
And I love your tiny touch
I will build you a perfect world
Before I let you free
I will try not to make you to spoiled
But make sure you have everything you need
There is nothing I would not do
To make sure you are happy
I will do everything I can for you
Because you are my little baby.*

◆ THANK YOU ◆

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JOIN US FOR OUR 2004 WALK FOR JUSTICE!



(left) Walk Chair Chris Rounds and Development Director, Laura Heiser, pose for a photo before last year's Walk for Justice.



(right) New Board Member Ruth Pekelder and former Board Member Sid Lezak at last year's Walk for Justice.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .
 for this year's Walk for Justice which will take place on Saturday, June 26th at 10:00 am. The Walk for Justice is a fun five mile walk that takes place in Northeast Portland. With your help, we hope to raise \$60,000 which will benefit more low income people who are in desperate need of legal representation in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties! Brochures with more information about this year's walk will be sent out in May but save the date now!

If you would like to volunteer on this year's Walk Committee or would be willing to volunteer the day of the walk, please call the Development Department at 503-281-1500 ext. 24.

Looking Back at 2003

Philanthropy happens one generous person at a time. . .

On October 16, 2003, SALC held its first Leadership Reception at the Gottlieb Gallery in downtown Portland to honor donors in the last year who gave at the \$1,000 level and above and who are also members of our new Leadership Circle. Speakers included past board member, Chris Kent, as well as former staff and board member, Kelly Clark. Over 50 supporters were honored and enjoyed the evening with wine donated by the Witness Tree Winery and space provided by the Gottlieb Gallery. Thank you again to everyone who makes a difference by supporting SALC on an annual basis, especially our Leadership Donors. *Please see the list of our more than 60 leadership donors on page 3.*



Board Member Carol Westendorf, former Board Member Chris Kent and Board Member Edward Keenan at the SALC Leadership Reception

SALC reaches its 2003 Annual Fund Goal

St. Andrew Legal Clinic reached its 2003 annual fund goal by raising over \$450,000 from foundations, individuals and corporate sponsorships. This includes an outstanding \$47,000 raised from walkers at last summer's 2003 Walk for Justice. About 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 has a 2004 budget of \$1,200,700 to run its three offices in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties which means dollars raised from individuals and corporations need to increase by 25% over last year. A big thank you to members of SALC Board of Directors and to other volunteers who were out asking people to give to St. Andrew Legal Clinic in 2003. With the community's continued generosity, SALC will again reach its fund raising goals in 2004!

If you would like to make a gift to SALC, please see the pledge form on page 8.

More Breaking SALC News...

Portland Postings/ Multnomah County

The Multnomah County office would like to give a big welcome to its newest staff attorneys: Courtney Kreutz, who graduated with a law degree from Lewis & Clark this past Spring and was SALC's former law clerk, and welcome to attorney Kelly Lemarr, who recently graduated from Willamette University College of Law. We are also happy to have Connie Lukes on board, who started as the Portland office's law clerk in January and is currently a law student at Lewis & Clark.

Kramer and Associates in downtown Portland and attorney Stacey Berg will be leaving at the end of March to take some time off from practicing law. Both attorneys are sad to leave and really enjoyed their time with SALC. We wish both Stacey and Kevin all the best! To help bridge the current staffing gap, attorney Maria Coloma, who worked as a Judicial Clerk in Multnomah County for the past few years, and attorney Charles Seims, formerly of the Multnomah County office will both be joining the Clackamas team.

Happenings to the South/ Clackamas County

SALC's Clackamas County office just completed its second full year of operation. Recently, Clackamas has been dealing with a couple staff changes: attorney Kevin Shores left SALC for a position at

Stirrings out West/ Washington County

2003 was an exciting year at SALC—Washington County. Thanks largely in part to a donation from **Andersen Construction**, the office expansion and renovation is near completion. We now occupy both Suite H and Suite I of the Weil Arcade. The new

space has four attorney offices, a separate reception desk and paralegal desk, and workspace for our law clerk, Russ Burke. The conference room has been expanded and includes a storage closet. New carpet has been laid and painting and trim work are nearly complete. A second, ADA accessible bathroom will be completed shortly. In all, the Washington County Office increased its space by almost 1,000 square feet.

We welcomed Catherine Barker in August to assume the new attorney position afforded by the expansion. Catherine formerly worked at Legal Aid Services of Washington County and has proven to be a quick study.

2004 is already turning out to be another exciting year and we look forward to the additional services we will now be able to provide for Washington County.

Get to know our newest Board Members

Ruth Pekelder

I have been a family law attorney with Gevurtz, Menashe, Larsen and Howe, PC for fourteen years. Our practice encompasses all aspects of domestic relations, including divorces, prenuptial and cohabitation agreements, custody, support, adoptions, and paternity cases. I work with a fabulous group of dedicated attorneys and staff who bring to our work world intelligence, humor, respect, and insights. They make a difficult practice area rewarding and enjoyable.



In contrast with the difficult life challenges some of my clients experience, I have been blessed with a happy marriage of twenty-four years. I have a son in college and a daughter in high school, and I realize I better begin developing a few hobbies. My fellow board member Greg Mowe is encouraging me to pick up the French horn, which I last blew in junior high. Knitting is fun, but it makes me look older than I feel. Welding has possibilities.

I am excited to take a role in supporting and promoting Saint Andrew's Legal Clinic. Our communities are well served by the attorneys, staff, and board of this organization.

Jay Sickler, CPA/ABV, ASA

I am a shareholder in Thompson, Wiest & Sickler, PC, a CPA and Litigation & Valuation Services firm in Portland, Ore. I exclusively practice in the areas of business valuation, commercial litigation/damages analysis, along with providing other specialized corporate advisory services. I joined the firm as a shareholder in early 1995. Before that, I spent nearly nine years working for the "Big 4" international accounting firms of Deloitte & Touche and Ernst & Young, in both Portland and Sydney, Australia.



I have a Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State University in finance. I am a Certified Public Accountant in Oregon, as an Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) in business valuation, with the American Society of Appraisers, and have been designated as Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) through the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

I have been married to my wonderful wife for 20 years, and we have two girls; Madisen, 12 and Tasmin, 10. I am on the staff of Middle School Youth Ministries at Cedar Mill Bible Church, and I enjoy gourmet cooking, fine wine, scuba diving with my wife and daughters, and traveling around the world.

Roscoe Nelson

I began work in the DA's office in Multnomah county as an intern in 1971, and joined the staff after taking the bar in 1973. I left in 1975 to join my father, forming Nelson and Nelson and practiced with him until he passed away in 1987. My private practice includes estate planning, business planning, business litigation and family law.



In my free time I love to golf, ski and travel. I have a son who's a 29 year old Engineer and a daughter who is age 26. My girlfriend, pictured above, is Debra Harrison.

I worked with St. Andrew Legal Clinic back when it first opened and there were just one or two staff people, and have always appreciated the work ethic and practices of the organization and feel honored to be a member of the board.

Dr. Edward Keenan

I joined the faculty at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Medicine in 1976. Subsequently I became the Associate Dean for Medical Education in 1995 and I am currently a Professor of Physiology, Pharmacology and Surgery at OHSU.



I am actively involved in teaching medical students and also lead nationally recognized medical education reform initiatives while at OHSU.

My research interests focus on hormones and cancer and predicting clinical outcome in human breast cancer through the use of genetic and cellular markers. I often lecture nationally and internationally on topics related to his interests in cancer and medical education. I am also a member of a number of professional organizations including the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and the Endocrine Society.

I am an active volunteer in the Portland community including previous service on a neighborhood association board, a school advisory council, the American Cancer Society statewide board and currently coach youth basketball and baseball. I am married to Shelley Keenan and we have a son, Alex, who is 13 years old. In my leisure time I enjoy snow skiing, gourmet cooking and reading.

A special thanks to John Adlard, who recently left the SALC Board of Directors, for serving as a board member for over five years.

A Big Thank You to our 2003 Extraordinary Volunteers!

St. Andrew Legal Clinic is extremely grateful to each of its over 75 volunteers who donated over 1,700 hours of time in 2003 volunteering as receptionists and intake attorneys at weekly night clinics in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. Most of our volunteers are attorneys who 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.

To get a better idea of what volunteering at night clinic is all about, Alice Ellis Gaut, a volunteer at SALC's night clinic since 2001, explains what the experience means to her:

Though I am not currently practicing law, I am a former attorney with the juvenile court, where very often indigent parents, who were eligible for court appointed counsel in the juvenile court, needed to resolve parallel issues in domestic relations court. Were it not for the affordable services of St. Andrew Legal Clinic, many folks would stay mired in the court system indefinitely, unable to have their child welfare cases closed because of inability to obtain a child custody order consistent with the juvenile court's plan for their children.

I have welcomed the opportunity to work at the night clinic assisting clients in sorting out their troubles and mapping a plan to gain resolution and stability for themselves and their families. Some of these clients are already involved in juvenile court processes; others would be well served to access the intervention of that court and/or the Department of Human Services (DHS); still others need to take steps to avoid any such involvement. The initial reaction of most clients, to the potential for simultaneous court involvement and/or DHS workers in their lives, generally ranges from mystified to terrified; therefore it has been especially gratifying to be able to help them understand the often complex interrelationship.

Although not all SALC clients have the juvenile court looming large in their lives, whatever the issues that bring them to St. Andrew in the first place are immediate and vexing. Being able to clearly delineate the relief available to them and the steps needed to achieve that is our goal in every client interview, and seeing the relief in people's faces when they understand there is a path to closure is the greatest reward for this work.



How many people did SALC help in 2003?

Night clinic consultations:

Multnomah County: 879 people

Clackamas County: 372 people

Washington County: 716 people

TOTAL 1,967 Individuals/Families Served

Clients provided with legal representation:

Multnomah County: 278 people

Clackamas County: 120 people

Washington County: 184 people

TOTAL – 582 Individuals/Families Represented

Help SALC Celebrate its 25th Anniversary!

2004 marks the 25th year that SALC has been providing legal services to low income people! In celebration and in honor of this milestone, SALC will be hosting its own 25th Birthday Party this Fall. We hope you can make it! Stay tuned for more information about where and when this festive celebration will take place.

SALC on the Web!

SALC is excited to announce the launching of our new (and first ever) website! Our website address will be www.SALCgroup.org. Keep your eyes peeled for SALC's new site which will be going live this Spring. We are grateful to Charles Van Rossen and Inherent.com who donated all of the design and hosting of this website.

Can You Help?

Do you or someone you know have any connections with a company, contractor, friend etc. who would be willing to donate new carpet to cover our 3,000 square foot office in Multnomah County? The current carpet is in desperate need of replacement but we simply do not have the funds available to make it happen. Please call SALC's Office Manager, Rosie Grove, at 503-281-1500 ext. 20 if you have any ideas about who could make this in-kind donation.

In addition, the three SALC offices are currently using slow dial up connections to the internet and sharing e-mail addresses. SALC is hoping that a company or individual would be willing to underwrite the expenses associated with upgrading our server and installing high speed internet & e-mail capabilities for all staff which will improve efficiency and productivity. If you or someone you know might be interested in bringing SALC's technology into the 21st century, please call the Development Dept at 503-281-1500 ext. 24.

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I'm interested in knowing more about SALC or know of others who may be interested. Please call.

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