Western District of Washington Newsletter

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2018 Civics Contest

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The 2018 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest offers high school students in the western United States and Pacific islands a chance to win cash prizes while learning how the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution has helped shape their education.

The theme of the contest is "The 14th Amendment 150 Years After Ratification: What Does Equal Protection Mean to Students?" Ratified on July 9, 1868, the 14th Amendment provides, in part, that no state can "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." The contest challenges students to write an essay or produce a video focusing on how Congress and the federal courts have applied the Equal Protection Clause to their educational opportunities.

The contest is open to young people in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, along with the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Students in grades 9-12 in public, private and parochial schools or home-schooled students of equivalent grade status may enter.

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Requesting Jury Demands

Removal cases

• Jury Demands in Removal cases are governed by LCR 101(b) and FRCP 81(c)(3).

• If the parties file a Jury Demand in state court, they have preserved their right to a Jury Trial, but must still file a copy of the state court Jury Demand in this court. It must be a separate document attached to the removal per LCR 101(b)(3).

• If Plaintiff did not request Jury Trial in state court, they will have 14 days from the date of the Removal to do so.

• If the Jury Demand form is included with the "Verification of State Court Records", but not filed as separate document attached to the removal form, it is deficient.

• If the words "Jury Demand" are only noted on the face of Notice of Removal, it is not proper. A copy of the state court Jury Demand must be filed as an attachment thereto, if one was made, or a Jury Demand will need to be made in this Court in accordance with our Rules.

• If no jury demand has been made in state court, the parties may make the initial jury demand in this court, in accordance with LCR 101(b) and FRCP 81(c)(3), in one of the following ways:

- By noting in the caption of a Complaint or Answer filed in this Court
- In the body of these pleadings
- By filing a separate document titled "Jury Demand"

Regardless of which party made the jury demand in state court, the party filing the Notice of Removal must still file the jury demand separately in accordance with the local rule

Jury Demand- general

• Jury Demands in non-Removal cases are governed by LCR 38(b).

• If a party files a jury demand in a pleading pursuant to FRCP 7(a), JURY DEMAND shall be typed in capital letters on the face of the pleading, to the right of the case caption in accordance with LCR 38(b).

How to File an Amended Complaint

If you are filing an amended complaint in compliance with the rules that adds an additional party or parties, or terminates a party or parties you are required to follow these procedures.

File your Amended Compaint using the correct event.

Upcoming Training:

You must register for the ECF training sessions. There is no cost associated with this training. To register, please send an email to: <u>cmecf@wawd.uscourts.gov</u>

Please include the following information in your email:

- Name(s) of attendees
- Firm Name
- Phone number(s)
- Date and time of the training session you wish to attend
- Bar number if you are an attorney*

*The two hour ECF Training Session has been approved by the WSBA for 2 CLE credits.

Courtroom Technology Training

Seattle

When: Training will occur on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

Where: Courtroom 18A (room 18106).

Тасота

When: Training will occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

Where: Please check in at the Clerk's Office on the day of training and you will be directed to the training location.

CM/ECF Training

Seattle

Tuesday, March 6; 10:00 am - Noon Thursday, March 22; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Tuesday, April 3; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Thursday, April 19; 10:00 am - Noon

Тасота

Thursday, March 15; 10:00 am - Noon Tuesday, March 27; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Thursday, April 12; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Tuesday, April 24; 10:00 am - Noon

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The contest is co-sponsored by the Courts and Community Committee of the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit and the federal courts in the 15 judicial districts that make up the circuit. A total of \$7,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. The top three finishers in both the essay and video competitions will receive \$2,000 for 1st place, \$1,000 for 2nd place and \$500 for 3rd place. The 1st-place winners along with a parent or guardian also will be invited to the 2018 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Anaheim, California.

Contest rules and other information are available now from the contest website: <u>http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest</u>. Entries are now being accepted.

The deadline for entries will be April 1, 2018. Finalists will be announced in May and the winners in June.

For more information about the Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, please contact the Ninth Circuit Office of the Circuit Executive, (415) 355-8973 / <u>civicscontest@ce9.uscourts.gov</u>.

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington will conduct preliminary judging for the contest. The top three finishers in the essay and video competitions at the district level will go on to compete in the Ninth Circuit contest. Local contest winners in each category will receive prizes of \$500 for first place, \$350 for second place, and \$250 for third place. To be eligible to compete in the local contest, students must reside in one of these counties: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Whatcom. For more information about the district contest, please contact:

Johanna Moody-Gatlin at (206) 370-8852 / Johanna_Moody@wawd.uscourts.gov.

Judicial Institute for Secondary School Teachers

The Court, in collaboration with Seattle University, has developed a 3 day workshop for middle and high school teachers. The program includes presentations by federal judges, attorneys, and law enforcement officers on topics such as First Amendment rights, civil rights, search and seizure law, and the role of the grand jury. Teachers will also observe actual court proceedings followed by a question and answer session with the presiding judge. An introduction to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's iCivics program is included as part of this curriculum.

This 3 day program is offered to middle and high school teachers who teach in western Washington, within the court's geographic boundaries. There is no cost for the program, and clock hours are offered. Overnight accommodations are also included.

Applications for the 2018 program (PDF) are now available at <u>http://www.wawd.uscourts.</u> <u>gov/sites/wawd/files/JudicialInstituteFlyer.pdf</u>. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity! If you know a teacher who would be interested please pass this on to them. Space is limited to 40 teachers, so submit your application early.

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Complaints and Other Initiating Documents

Available Events (click to select an event)	Selected Event	
Amended Complaint Amended Counterclaim Amended Counterclaim Amended Petition Application and Affidavit for Seizure Warrant Application for Stay of Execution Application for Writ of Garnishment Complaint Counterclaim Crossclaim Intervenor Complaint Motion for Judgment Debtor Exam Motion for Judgment Debtor Exam Motion for Judgment Debtor Exam		Amended Complaint

Add any additional party or parties and the role of that party on the party information screen.

Party Information	tion	
Last name	PRA Group Association	First name
Middle name	•	Generation
Title		
Role	Defendant (dft:pty)	~
Pro se	No	~

Select (highlight) the new party or parties added and any other existing party that the filing is against.

lease select the party that this filing is agains Select the Party: OR	Select a Group:
McDonald, Kim [pla] Dellwo, Roberts & Scanlon, P.S. [res] Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC [dft] PRA Group Association [dft]	No Group All Defendants All Plaintiffs All Parties

If the amended complaint removes a party, select (highlight) the party or parties from the list



By selecting the party or parties for termination, it will terminate them from the case and add the termination date as displayed below.

V. <u>Respondent</u> Dellwo, Roberts & Scanlon, P.S. *TERMINATED: 02/14/2018*

Filing Corporate Disclosure Statements

LCR 7.1 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(a) Who Must File;

Any nongovernmental party, other than an individual or sole proprietorship, must file a statement identifying:

- (1) any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning more than 10% of its stock, or stating that there is no such corporation;
- (2) any member or owner in a joint venture or limited liability corporation (LLC);
- (3) all partners in a partnership or limited liability partnership (LLP); or
- (4) any corporate member, if the party is any other unincorporated association, or stating that there is no such corporate member.

If there is no parent, shareholder, member, or partner to list in response to items (1) through (4), a corporate disclosure statement must still be filed stating that no such entity exists.

The Corporate Disclosure Statement event is found under the Other Documents category in the Civil menu. This event prompts you to add the corporate parent or other affiliate.

You are required to add the names of ALL corporate parent(s) or other affiliates.

Other Documents 2:10-cv-00022 Evergreen Gardens v. Grass	Roots Inc		
Available Events (click to select an event)		Selected Event	
Brief - Opening Brief - Reply Brief - Responsive Certificate of Service Certificate-Other Civil Cover Sheet Corporate Disclosure-Statement		Corporate Disclosure Statement	
Declaration (non motion) Errata Exhibit Financial Affidavit Joint Status Report Jury Demand Letter List	-		