

# Western District of Washington Newsletter

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#### Ninth Circuit Civics Contest

The 2017 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, *Not to Be Forgotten: Legal Lessons of the Japanese Internment* was a great success!

The contest was an essay and video competition 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 were eligible. Individual students competed in the essay contest, while individuals and teams of up to three students competed in the video contest.

The Ninth Circuit awarded prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 to the first-, secondand third-place winners in both the writing and video competitions. Several hundred submissions were received by the Circuit.

The U.S. District Court of Western Washington is pleased to announce, that in conjunction with the Ninth Circuit, we also recognized first-, second- and third-place entries to the essay contest for students representing our district.

First-place essay winner was Linnea Grace Vidger, who is a Junior at Seattle Academy of Arts & Sciences. Second-place winner was Andrew Stahl, a Senior at Bainbridge Island High school. Andrew was also the second-place winner in the Ninth Circuits' contest. Third-place winner was Benjamin Gessner, a Sophomore at Emerald Ridge High school.

Our district also recognized the following two students at Gibson EK High school for their entry into the video contest, entitled *The Emperor's Court*.

- Sophomore David Bernado.
- Freshman Keisuke Sano.

The Court will formally recognize the first-place essay winner and video winners at a ceremony in the Seattle courthouse on August 21st, 2017 at 1:30 pm on the 19th floor, the public is welcome to attend.

### 6th Annual Judicial Institute for School Teachers

The Court, in collaboration with Seattle University, conducted a 3 day workshop for high school and middle school teachers. The program included 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 observed actual court proceedings, followed by a question and answer session with the presiding judge. Some of the sessions included:



- How State Law Fits with Federal Law
- Free Speech in Schools
- Investigative Techniques of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Search Warrants, Execution of Warrant, Canine Search Q and A



This 3 day program was attended by 39 high school and middle school teachers who teach in western Washington, within the Court's geographic boundaries.

# **New Civil Case Opt-Out Consent Procedures**

Please visit our website to review our new opt-out procedures for <u>consent to proceed before a magistrate judge</u> and <u>consent to video record a proceeding</u> before a district judge in Seattle. Per <u>General Order 05-17</u>, changes re Consent to Magistrate Judges are effective 6/1/17.

## **Upcoming Training**

Registration is required for the ECF training sessions.

To register, please send an e-mail to: <a href="mailto:cmecf@wawd.uscourts.gov">cmecf@wawd.uscourts.gov</a>

Please include the following information in your e-mail:

- 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\*

#### 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)

#### *Tacoma*

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

Thursday, August 3; 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, August 15th; 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, September 12th; 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Thursday, September 28th; 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, October 3rd; 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 26th; 1:00 - 3:00 pm

#### **Tacoma**

Tuesday, August 8th; 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Thursday, August 24th; 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Thursday, September 14th; 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, September 26th; 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 12th; 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, October 24th; 1:00 - 3:00 pm

## Amendments to the Local Civil & Criminal Rules

The Court, after public review, has updated our Local Civil Rules (as of 4/24/2017) and our Local Criminal Rules (as of 7/1/2017). Please visit our Local Rules page at <a href="http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/local-rules-and-orders">http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/local-rules-and-orders</a> on our public website for more information and to access PDF versions of these rules.

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<sup>\*</sup>The two hour ECF Training Session has been approved by the WSBA for 2 CLE credits.

## ECF Filing Reminders: Filing Exhibits

When filing paper exhibits, they must be scanned and saved in PDF files less than 35 megabytes in size. Large documents may need to be broken into "chunks" so that each PDF is under the 35 megabyte limit. Combine as many exhibits possible and file as attachments as shown below:

#### **Example:**



### Display on Docket Sheet

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Docket Text

EXHIBIT by Plaintiff Evergreen Gardens (Attachments: # (1)
Exhibit A pages 1004 - 1072, # (2) Exhibit B pages 1073 - 2076, # (3)
Exhibit C pages 2077 - 3075, # (4) Exhibit D pages 3076 - 3992, # (5)
Exhibit E pages 3993 - 4817, # (6) Exhibit F pages 4818 - 5012, # (7)
Exhibit G pages 5013) (vb) Modified on 7/31/2017 (vb).
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**DO NOT** file each exhibit individually as shown below. It takes up unnecessary space on the Docket Sheet.

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