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From the President's Desk

By Max Neuhaus



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote a legal system whereby the rights and privileges of all persons are asserted and protected. We are dedicated to strengthening public trust in our legal system. We promote high ethical standards, civility, and professionalism amongst all attorneys.

We encourage our members to serve the public. As officers of the court, we have an important role in assisting courts in the administration of justice.

With summer here, I am pleased to announce that the St. Croix Valley Bar Association will be hosting its inaugural Wills for Heroes Clinic on July 27, 2013. The Clinic will be hosting the River Falls volunteer fire department where Bar Association volunteer attorneys will draft basic estate planning documents for the fire fighters and their spouses. This Clinic is made possible through a partnership with the National Wills for Heroes Foundation and the State Bar of Wisconsin, which helps to subsidize some of the materials and software necessary for the clinic.

The Wills for Heroes Clinic serves as a public service capstone for our Association, and the recent tragedy in Arizona, where 19 fire fighters lost their lives, serves as a stark reminder of the life threatening risks first responders face. This is a public service our Association can be proud of. With that, I do need two more attorneys to assist with the Clinic on July 27th. **If you can help, please contact me for further details.**

With respect to the Wills for Heroes Clinic, I want to especially thank Past President Christine Rasmussen and incoming President Liz Rohl for their extra effort in making the Clinic possible. Both Christine and Liz spent a great deal of their own time shepherding the development of the Clinic, and without their commitment, I don't believe the Clinic would be happening.

St. Croix Valley Bar Association Treasurer's Report

Checking Balance as of 7/3/13: \$2,525.42

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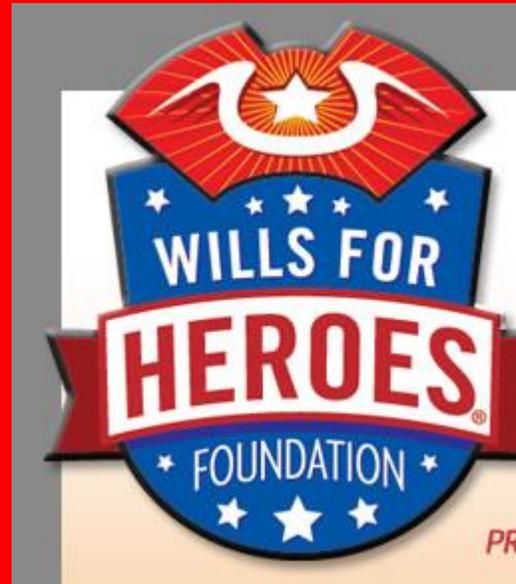
THE POLK COUNTY JUDGES' FORUM WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, July 30 from noon to 1:00 p.m. Look for an upcoming e-mail with further details.

President's Message Continued

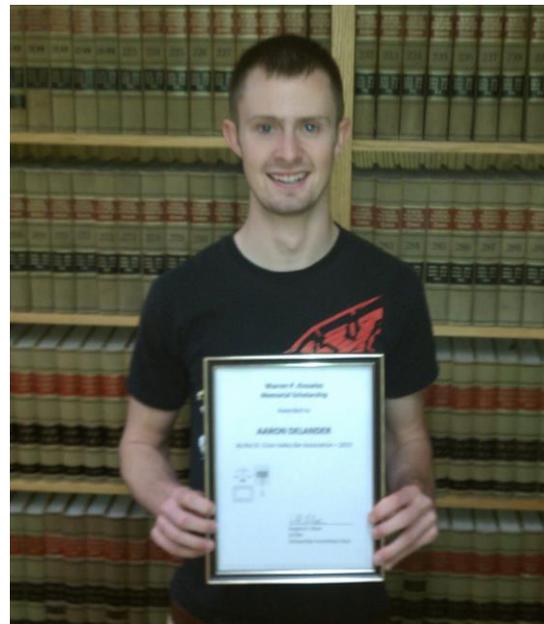
I am also pleased to announce that St. Croix Central graduate Aaron Delander was the recipient of the Bar Association's Warren P. Knowles Memorial Scholarship. Aaron was a 4.0 graduate who hopes to someday work with emerging technology as a patent attorney. This \$500.00 scholarship is made possible through the dues assessed through the Bar Association. Thank you to Angela Olson for continuing to chair the Scholarship committee and managing the entire applicant process.

As you know, our summer meeting was held on the St. Croix River, where the Association elected its 2013-2014 officers. A warm welcome to Attorney Rory O'Sullivan, who will be joining Margaret Kaiser, Bridget Finke and Liz Rohl in implementing this year's work plan.

Finally, I want to close by thanking you for affording me the opportunity to be a part of the good things our Bar Association has been doing the past few years. With that, I know the Association is in good hands with newly elected President Liz Rohl. Until next time, I wish you the best.



SCVBA will be hosting a Wills for Heroes Clinic for the River Falls volunteer fire department on July 27, 2013.



Aaran Delander, recipient of the SCVBA Warren P. Knowles Memorial Scholarship