

# *The Informant*

THE ST. CROIX VALLEY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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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.

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## CALENDAR

**09/11/06:** Second Monday of every month Free Legal Clinic.

**09/14/06:** Happy Hour 5:30 – 7:30 at Pier 500 in Hudson. Appetizers provided, cash bar.

**09/21/06:** SCVBA Golf Outing at White Eagle in Hudson.

**10/31/06:** Judge Wing Forum.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I myself cannot believe that the summer is coming to an end especially since I was not able to accomplish all of the things I wanted to get done around the home and yard. This year holds many new roles for me not only as your President but also as a solo practitioner. As most of you know, I am now working out of my home still focusing on family and GAL work. I have made this

career move with the hope that I will be able spend more time with my children as I am quickly realizing how fast they grow!

The SCVBA officers met in July to plan the programs for the upcoming year. Since the happy hour in May was well attended we decided to put one in place to kick off the year. We hope to see many of you there! The Fall Golf Outing is to take place at White Eagle with a shot gun start at 1:30 p.m. The shot gun start will be nice so that everyone who participates will finish at about the same time. Thank you to Dan Murray for continuously helping with this event.

Judge Wing has agreed to put on a forum at the River Falls Public Library on October 31, 2006 from noon until 1:00 p.m. I am sure this forum will full of helpful information from Judge Wing. Our November meeting will be a CLE yet to be arranged but we are looking to obtain Ethics credits. We also plan on having another CLE in the

spring along with Judge's Forums with the St. Croix County and Polk County Judges.

As always, our year will contain the annual holiday party and hopefully a Roast. Last year we were not able to find a Roastee for the May meeting. If anyone has a suggestion for a Roastee this year, please contact one of the officers. We also tossed around the idea of having the holiday party in January rather than December to hopefully obtain better attendance. We would appreciate your feedback on moving the holiday party to January.

Finally, we will be having a business clothing drive in the spring to allow everyone to empty their closets of suits which you no longer wear or no longer fit. We are hoping to find a local organization to donate the items to. If anyone knows of such an organization in the St. Croix Valley, please contact me as I was unable to find one last year. Most of the agencies were in the Twin Cities.

I hope that you will find our year of meetings interesting and helpful to your areas of practice. If there are other programs, information or issues you would like the SCVBA to address, please contact myself or one of the other officers as your feedback is important to running this organization.

I look forward to seeing all of you this year at one of the meetings.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

Checkbook (as of August 31, 2006): \$2,634.88

Dues for 2006-07 will be \$35.00/per member: Please pay Bob Parsons.

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### TURNINGPOINT FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE, INC.

Admin. Office PO Box 304 River Falls,  
Wisconsin 54022  
(715) 425-6751 - (800) 345.5104  
\* Fax# (713) 425-6908

Outreach Office: 105A So. Knowles  
Ave, New Richmond, WI 54017  
(715) 246-9216 \* (888) 321-9216  
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Turningpoint is looking for Attorneys to accept one pro-bono or low cost case per year, or who would be willing to provide pro-bone services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to assist them with restraining orders, harassment orders, and referrals for legal representation in divorce and custody cases. Turningpoint is also in need of donations of State Bar of Wisconsin brochures on topics such as divorce, custody, and placement, or funds to purchase such brochures. If you are interested in volunteering or receiving more information please contact Shannon Nelson at 715-246-9216.

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Local Bar Grant Competition has funds available for an association which develops and works on novel and useful public service projects that have statewide application.

For more information, contact Kris Wenzel, at [kwenzel@wisbar.org](mailto:kwenzel@wisbar.org) or (800) 444-9404, ext. 6185, or (608) 250-6185.

**Applications are also available online at** [http://www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Local\\_and\\_specialty\\_bar](http://www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Local_and_specialty_bar)

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### LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION HOLDS FREE LEGAL CLINIC

St. Croix Valley Bar Association is staffing a free legal clinic the second Monday of every month for the purpose of providing general legal information to members of the community. The next free legal clinic is Monday, September 11, 2006, and will be held in the St. Croix County Community Room (south entrance at the lower level of the St. Croix County Government Center) from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer to provide general information to individuals in the areas of employment law, family law, landlord/tenant, small claims, criminal/traffic, estate planning, elder law, probate, real estate, business law, and debtor/creditor, please contact Maureen Wegleitner at Bakke Norman, S.C. at (715)246-3800.

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