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SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL CLINIC

Providing business transactional legal services to low-income small and emerging businesses.

From the Director's Desk



My, what a busy year...

Welcome to the first issue of the SBLC Newsletter! Many exciting changes have been happening at the SBLC, so to keep everyone up to date we

will be publishing a quarterly newsletter. A few highlights of our year include welcoming Scott Stevenson as our Clinical Law Professor, moving our office to the Board of Trade Building, and celebrating our third anniversary. The SBLC will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 5:30–8pm. Please save the date and come see our terrific new space! We hope you enjoy our newsletter and enjoy learning a little more about us, our clients, and our plans.

— Maggie Finnerty

Executive Director and Clinical Law Professor

Thank You, Portland Development Commission!

As many of you know, during our first three years, we operated out of Portland Development Commission's office in Old Town—paying significantly subsidized rent. However, to accommodate the increased number of interns, clients, and pro bono attorneys we are now working with, we had to relocate our office to a bigger space with more private offices.

SAVE THE DATE

• SBLC Open House

• **Thursday,
February 11, 2010,
5:30–8 p.m.**

• **Details to follow
in our January newsletter**

We would like to thank the Portland Development Commission for its incredible support over the last few years. The PDC's partnership with the SBLC is a shining example of a successful collaborative venture that has provided Portland's small and most fragile businesses with essential business transactional legal services.

We will continue to partner with PDC in assisting Portland's most vulnerable businesses.

CLIENT SPOTLIGHTS

Lilyvilla Gardens, LLC

Lilyvilla Gardens, LLC is a Portland-based custom garden and landscape design business founded by Lauren Hall-Behrens. Lauren works with homeowners and small businesses to extend their living and working environments into the outdoors. Lauren designs gardens that the owners use for relaxing, entertaining, growing food, and attracting wildlife.

Lilyvilla Gardens, LLC was a client in our Intern Program last summer. Working closely with Executive Director and Clinical Law Professor Maggie Finnerty, the SBLC interns assisted Lilyvilla Gardens in entity selection and in registering the business as a limited liability company. "The SBLC helped me by explaining, from a legal perspective, what an LLC is. As a small business owner, I have a lot to maneuver through and the SBLC offered a clear pathway through these issues." The SBLC also drafted a client services agreement, which Lauren uses with new clients to describe the scope of their project and Lilyvilla Gardens business practices. "The SBLC made suggestions for changes in its content and language which created a clearer and more protective document to use in my business." To view her amazing landscape and garden designs, and to learn more about Lauren's services, please visit her website: www.lilyvillagardens.com



**Lauren Hall-Behrens
Lilyvilla Gardens, LLC**

Fat Fancy, LLC

Fat Fancy, LLC is a plus size vintage and modern clothing store, carrying men's and women's clothing, shoes, and accessories. Fat Fancy is owned and operated by Annie Maribona and Carlee Smith and provides "fat fashions" at affordable prices. The business also "champions self-love and body positivity—the idea that every body is beautiful." This great business model is proving to be a success! Fat Fancy started out with monthly clothing sales out of a friend's basement two years ago, and is opening a storefront in downtown Portland in December.



**"Every Body is
Beautiful!"**

**Annie Maribona
and Carlee Smith**

Fat Fancy, LLC was a client in our Pro Bono Project last summer, and worked with Pro Bono Attorney, Tyler Volm, an associate with Elliott, Ostrander & Preston, P.C., who also happens to be a former intern at the SBLC. He initially assisted Fat Fancy with entity selection, and ultimately set up a limited liability company for them. But after Annie and Carlee attended our community outreach seminar on intellectual property, they realized they also needed an intellectual property assignment, which Tyler assisted them with as well. Tyler also reviewed and revised Fat Fancy's very first lease for their new storefront. For more information on where to find Annie and Carlee's fabulous fat fashions and to find out about the storefront opening soon, please visit Fat Fancy's website: www.fatfancyfashions.com

SBLC Welcomes Scott Stevenson



We are excited to welcome Scott Stevenson as our new Clinical Law Professor! Scott moved to Portland with his family in 2008, and for the last year, he has been the primary caregiver to his three young children while his wife (Ellen) began her job as a pediatrician at Legacy Emmanuel Hospital and professor at OHSU. While caring for sons Sam (6), and twin boys, Benjamin and Matthew (5), Scott was able to study for and pass the Oregon State Bar exam last February.

Scott received a B.A. with high honors and a J.D. with honors from the University of Florida, and a B.S. with high honors in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Scott was an associate with Alston & Bird in business transactional law, focusing on mergers and acquisitions, securities law, and general corporate law. Scott also worked as an engineering consultant with CH2M Hill, where he counseled clients on environmental compliance and permitting issues before returning to the legal field to join Bodker, Ramsey & Andrews as a senior associate, where he focused on commercial, corporate, real estate and financial transactions, primarily for privately-held businesses. Most recently, Scott served as Senior Corporate Counsel for ADP, Inc., a NASDAQ-listed company providing human resource-related business process services. Scott has fit right in at the SBLC and in Portland—some of his passions include biking, hiking, and rock-climbing.

SBLC BY THE NUMBERS

Since opening our doors three years ago, we:

- Assisted over 300 small businesses on over 700 separate legal matters
 - Educated 55 legal interns
- Engaged over 150 attorneys in our Pro Bono Project
- Hosted 7 outreach seminars attended by about 185 community members

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Becka Welcomes Javier

On October 10, 2009, our Operations Manager Becka Martinez Griffin, her husband Omar, and 2 year old son Diego, welcomed Javier Andrew. Javier weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. While we thoroughly miss Becka at the SBLC, we are so happy for her new arrival. Congratulations Becka!



Maggie Runs Marathon

In her spare time, Maggie spent the summer training for the Timberline Marathon, a challenging 26.2 mile trail run that follows an amazing section of the Pacific Crest Trail near Timothy Lake. Maggie raced on behalf of the Heart Rhythm Foundation, raising nearly \$5,000 for the organization. Way to go Maggie!

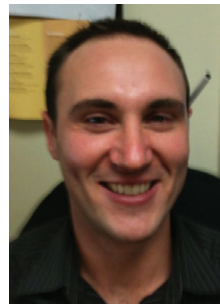


Thank You, Vanessa and Levi!



With Becka out on maternity leave, we found ourselves more short-staffed than ever. Thankfully, former students Levi Johnston and Vanessa Lee have stepped up to the plate. Levi is currently serving as our Pro Bono Project Manager, and Vanessa is serving as our Interim Operations Manager. Levi is no stranger to the SBLC—he was an intern in the Spring of 2008, our Student Director in Fall of 2008, and served as Maggie's Research Assistant during the 2008–09 academic year. Vanessa Lee was a student in Maggie's Contract Drafting class last Spring, and since her start date at Tonkon Torp was deferred until January, she offered to volunteer 25 hours/week at the SBLC. Levi and

Vanessa are both doing a terrific job, and we would be lost without them. Yes, Becka, it takes TWO people to fill your shoes! Thank you, Levi and Vanessa!!!



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