

# outstanding

## On Firm Ground

**Y**ou might recognize Beth Allen from media coverage of Basic Rights Oregon's recent court battles. Since 1999, she has been part of the BRO legal group, advising and arguing on issues affecting the lives of Portland's queer community.

This is work she has done for free, with the blessing of her former employer, Lane Powell, a large firm specializing in employment law.

Now Allen has stepped out with her new firm, A2. She and her sister Sara, also a lawyer, will focus their practice on civil rights law of all kinds. In particular, the Allens hope to grow their client base by working on alternative family planning, wills, adoption and domestic partnership issues—anything a queer family might need from the legal perspective.

Having recently added a newborn to her own queer family, the move to an independent office makes sense for Allen.

She also keeps current with her field by her adjunct teaching position at Lewis & Clark Law School, where she teaches a seminar on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Allen believes that a being a lawyer is a good way to be an activist and that progress in Oregon's



**Beth Allen has worked consistently for the rights of queers.**

fight for equality for all people has come through the work of lawyers. "I want to keep in touch with that goal, a goal I've had for a long time," she says.

—Sarah Dougher

# just asking

*Just Out* visited Scandals and asked patrons and staff how they feel about the new location.



**GARY COZAD**  
*An old regular*

"I like that it's a new, vivacious environment, but I do miss the old Scandals because it was the old flavor."



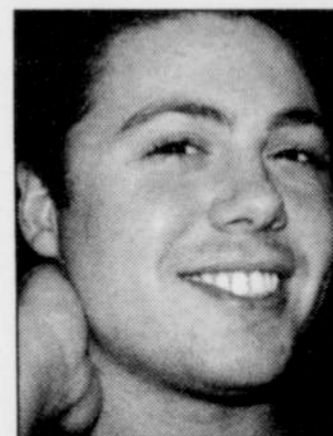
**SCOTT BICKMORE**  
*Likes his rum and cokes*

"I'm very happy with the move because Munroe is friendly now."



**TOM VAN PETTEN**  
*Part of the family*

"It was hard to move...but my friends moved with me."



**TONY NETHERCOTT**  
*Hot Scandals bar boy*

"I'm happy. I like the new place better. The new design is hot."

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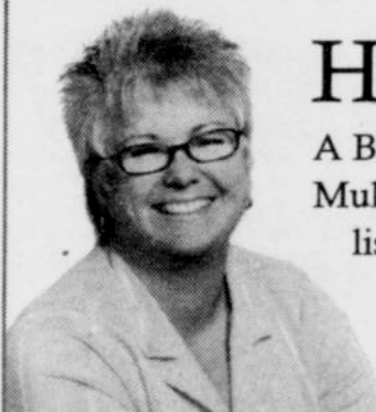


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