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Browning Opens Law Practice In Northeast

by Jerry Garner

Robert L. Browning, a former judicial clerk for Multnomah County Circuit Judge Robert P. Jones, has opened a private law practice in Northeast Portland. Browning's office is located in the Lawyers Corner, 2207 Northeast Broadway. He will provide legal services in the areas of bankruptcies, personal injuries, family law, and criminal misdemeanor cases.

Browning has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Pacific University, Forest Grove; and a J.D. degree from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College. Browning was admitted to the Oregon State Bar September, 1982.

He said being in business for yourself has some major advantages, saying that one has a sense of independence. "You don't face a lot of the problems many Black people encounter regularly in a job setting. And furthermore," Browning said, "by being in private practice, I can control who my clients will be. By this, I mean I don't have to accept a case if I don't want to."

Cases involving felonies and job discrimination are not accepted by Browning. "The reason I don't handle job discrimination cases is because they can get very complex and employers are quite sophisticated in their way of doing things," Browning said as a general practitioner, he feels that he should not be involved in this type of law because it would take too much time away from his law practice.

Browning believes that his 28-month tenure as a judicial clerk for Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Robert P. Jones will be an asset to his law practice. He said that most lawyers in private practice wish they had been a law clerk because the courtroom is the end place where disputes are finally resolved. "While working for Judge Jones, I learned the mechanics of selecting a jury, the proper way to present evidence, and procedural aspects."

Nationally, African-Americans account for less than 2 percent of the nation's 600,000 lawyers. Browning blames the underrepresentation of Blacks as attorneys on the lack of role models in many African-American communities throughout the country. He said, "Many white youngsters come from families of judges and lawyers, so becoming an attorney or a judge for them is a logical progression."

Browning said the only Black judge he heard of while growing up in Portland was Circuit Court Judge Aaron Brown. Furthermore, he said other factors such as the cost of going to law school and the difficulties some Blacks have in passing state bar examinations may also contribute to the underrepresentation of Blacks as attorneys.

Browning urges young Black who are interested in becoming lawyers to visit Black attorneys and analyze them closely to see whether the legal profession is for them. "I think the approach is helpful, because to become a lawyer, it takes years of preparation, a commitment to studying, and a lot of sacrifices. In addition," he said, "an individual must be aggressive, assertive and combative." Browning said the above traits are needed if one is to be a successful attorney.

Browning decided to become an attorney while an undergraduate student at Pacific University. "While at Pacific, the dean of admission told me that he could assist me in entering Columbia University Law School. This got me interested in becoming an attorney. Unfortunately, in 1969 President Nixon stopped all law school deferments. Instead of going to Columbia Law School, I got drafted into the Army for 2 1/2 years."

In an effort to assist Blacks and other minority law school students, Browning said the Association of Oregon Black Lawyers gives three \$500 scholarships. Browning, who serves as secretary of the Association, said the funds for the scholarships come from an annual dance sponsored by the Association. The dance, called the Ebony and Ivory Scholarship Dance, will be held this year on Dec. 12th at the Red Lion, 310 S.W. Lincoln. For ticket information, call 284-0151 or 282-5902.

Word of the Week: protocol—ceremony and etiquette performed by diplomats and Heads of State.
Color of the Week: Sharkskin Grey

Let's Go To The Library

Cinnamon Bear: Fri., Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m., Albina Branch, 3605 N.E. 15th, 221-7701. Cinnamon Bear will visit pre-school storytime. Everyone is invited!

Saturday Films: Sat., Dec. 20 at 2:30 p.m., Albina Branch, 3605 N.E. 15th, 221-7701. Films: "Mowgli's Brothers", "One Kitten for Kim", "Strega Nonna", "Harold's Fairy Tale".

Craft and Tree-Trimming Party: Thurs., Dec. 18 at 4 p.m., North Portland Branch, 512 N. Killingsworth, 221-7702. Come and join the fun.

Free Clinics

A free information clinic for women on preventing breast cancer will be held at Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin, on Tuesday, December 9, from 9-10 a.m. Recognizing that early detection and prevention can actually reduce the rate of breast cancer, the clinic is designed to provide women with the skills and confidence to perform routine breast self examination. Information will also be available on mammography, a low dose x-ray examination, as an effective means of detecting early breast cancers.

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