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## From the President's Desk

Dear LCBA Members:

Thank you for joining us at a very exciting Ems game.

Our first lunch program of the membership year is at **12:00 noon on Thursday, September 14** at The Gordon Hotel Ballroom. Connect and learn with LCBA members.



**Jessica Kampf**, Executive Director of Oregon Office of Public Defense Services; **Christopher Parosa**, Chief Deputy District Attorney at Lane County; **Brook Reinhard**, Executive Director, Public Defender Services of Lane County; and the **Honorable Jay McAlpin**,

Presiding Judge, Lane County Circuit Court will present a panel discussion on the current state of public defender services in Oregon, the impact on Lane County, and how you may be able to help. LCBA will seek Access to Justice CLE credit for this presentation. Register for lunch by **Wednesday, September 6th**.

**This month, I am undertaking the [ABA Wide 21-Day Hispanic Heritage Equity Habit Building Challenge](#). I invite you to join me and to reach out if you do.**

I have two volunteer opportunities to highlight this month. Consider volunteering with the [Civics Learning Project](#), "Oregon's leader in preparing youth to become active, engaged, and informed participants in democratic society." You can find specific volunteer opportunities with the organization, formerly known as the Classroom Law Project, in the [OSB Volunteer Directory](#). Additionally, OSB launched the [ABA Free Legal Answers](#) program for [Oregon](#) where lawyers select questions to answer, the ABA provides liability coverage for program volunteers, and the work is eligible for Oregon CLE credit. You can find additional information about both these programs in the bulletin.

## Fall Networking Social



Please join **Lane County Women Lawyers** for our **Fall Social & Happy Hour** on **September 28, 2023**, from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at Hop Valley Brewing (990 W. 1st Ave.) in Eugene! This year's event is **co-hosted by the**

**University of Oregon Women's Law Forum and Oregon Women Lawyers**. This event is free to all attendees.

## Circuit Court Operations Plan

The Lane County Court Operations Plan is being updated regularly. A link to the Operations Plan can be accessed on the homepage of the Lane County Circuit Court website at: [Oregon Judicial Department : Lane Home : Lane County Circuit Court : State of Oregon](#)

## O'Connell Conference & CLE

**2023 O'Connell Conference & CLE**

*U.S. Supreme Court Term: Rights & Democracy in Flux*  
**Friday, September 22**

**Knight Law Center, Room 175**

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 3.75 CLE Credits Pending**

Join us for an afternoon of panel discussions about the most recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. This CLE is free, and no registration is required. The CLE will also be livestreamed. See the [University of Oregon School of Law Fall Celebration Event Page](#) for more information.



## Oregon Law Events

**FREE LEGAL ANSWERS EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER: VOLUNTEER, MENTOR, EAT PIZZA, & EARN CLE CREDIT!!**

The **Oregon State Bar** has launched the [ABA Free Legal Answers](#) program. [Lawyers can learn more and signup on the program's page](#). Lawyers select questions to answer, the ABA provides liability coverage for program volunteers, and the work is eligible for Oregon CLE credit.

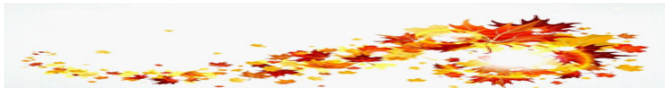
Oregon Law will host its first **Free Legal Answers Event**, using a model from law schools across the country, on **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 pm** at the Knight Law Center, Room 175, and needs **5 attorney volunteers**. Volunteers will be paired with 2-3 law students to answer a question or two that the attorney has selected. *Training and pizza will be provided!* Additional events will be held during **Celebrate Pro Bono Week** in October. [See the signup sheet for times and locations](#). Contact **Jennifer Geller**, [jgeller@uoregon.edu](mailto:jgeller@uoregon.edu), for more information.

## Recognizing One of Our Own

This month the **Oregon Supreme Court** appointed **Attorney Brian Cox** to the *Committee of Paralegal Assessors* under the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors. Among other duties, the Committee will review the applications submitted for the licensed paralegal program. Brian's term of service expires



December 31, 2025. Prior to this appointment, Brian spent three years as a Committee Member on the *OSB Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee* that developed the rules for the program and the details of the educational component as part of the regulatory framework for licensing paralegals to increase access to the justice system while ensuring the competence and integrity of the licensed paralegals and improving the quality of their legal services.



Also, this month, the **Oregon State Bar RELU Section** awarded Brian the *2023 Professionalism Award of Merit*. This award honors section members who have performed extraordinary service to the section including, but not limited to, contributions to the Digest or list serve, service on committees, and the Section's continuing legal education; promotion of professionalism within the practice; and significant volunteer community involvement in the areas of Real Estate or Land Use, including pro bono work. In her introduction of Brian when presenting this award, Attorney Anne Davis commented: "Brian's commitment to working with State leaders to help implement landlord tenant laws is unmatched. While most of us were busy making banana bread during Covid, he served on two work groups to provide immediate guidance to lawyers and the public regarding evictions and foreclosures: Representative Fahey's Eviction Prevention Workgroup and Chief Justice Walter's landlord-tenant work group. He also serves on the Bar's Paralegal Licensing Implementation Committee and led a CLE this summer about that topic."



## 5th Annual Chief Justice Martha Walters Award

Lane County Women Lawyers is pleased to announce the *5th Annual Chief Justice Martha Walters Award* recipient is **Tina Stupasky**. The Award recognizes a Lane County attorney who has demonstrated leadership in the pursuit of equal justice for all. Ms. Stupasky has practiced law in Lane County for over 37 years, throughout those years serving as an advocate for people who have suffered harm or injury, and who otherwise may not have a voice in the justice system, without her representation. Prior to becoming an attorney, she served our community for 11 years as a Nurse at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Her day-to-day work with people in vulnerable situations in her early career set her compass squarely toward compassion, fairness and equity.



Ms. Stupasky's leadership and commitment to equal justice for all can be seen in her dedication to mentoring attorneys, educating her peers through conference presentations on trial practice, elder abuse, and other legal training including as a teacher for the UO School of Law Trial Practice seminar. She makes a point of sharing her expertise with law students and newer attorneys on the topics of starting your own practice, preparing, and taking depositions, and other trial skills CLEs. Her work in support of the local and statewide bar associations and various specialty committees is too lengthy to recite here. Her commitment to the community is evident from her years of service on the HIV Alliance Board, and her service on a statewide task force regarding adverse health care incidents, appointed by the Governor in 2020. Throughout her incredible career spanning four decades, she has been a champion of the campaign for equal justice and gives her time and expertise readily on many subjects.

**LCWL** invites you to attend a luncheon honoring Ms. Stupasky on **November 17th** at The Gordon Hotel, 555 Oak Street, Eugene, Oregon. The event begins at **11:45 a.m.** with a reception before the program starts at **12:15 p.m.** This year's celebration is being underwritten at the *Lady Justice* level by **Johnson, Johnson, Lucas & Middleton** and at the *Scales of Justice* level by **Hershner Hunter, Hutchinson Cox and Watkinson Laird Rubenstein**. Tickets are \$40 or you can choose to support the event with an *Equal Justice* ticket for \$75 to cover the actual cost for your attendance. Anyone that chooses the *Equal Justice* option will receive recognition in the event program. Reserve your spot by visiting [Chief Justice Martha Walters Award | Oregon Women Lawyers Membership](#) no later than **November 9th**.





## Fall Celebration!



Mark your calendars for **September 22-23, 2023** for our annual *Fall Celebration!*

**Friday, September 22**, is packed with social, academic, and award celebrations including the Order of the Emerald Class of 1973 Breakfast, Hayward Hall tour, Multicultural Alumni and Student Luncheon, the O'Connell Conference & CLE, and ends with the Oregon Law Awards Reception and Dinner.

**Saturday, September 23**, concludes Fall Celebration at the Oregon Law Tailgate and football game. Show your green and yellow spirit as the Ducks take on Colorado. Go Ducks!

See the **University of Oregon School of Law Fall Celebration Event Page** for more information and registration.

## Mentors Needed!

**SIGN UP TO MENTOR A FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENT AT OREGON LAW!**

It's that time of year again. 160 new law students from 34 states and 98 different colleges and universities started their legal careers at the *University of Oregon Law School* on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The **LCBA Mentorship Committee** needs your help to welcome them into the profession. Please consider signing up to be a mentor to a first-year law student. Mentors are expected to attend one one-hour virtual Kick-Off Mentor/Mentee Zoom Session the week of **October 9, 2023**, and to have two additional touch points with their mentee during the rest of the academic year. Any and all Lane County attorneys are welcome to participate.

If you are interested in mentoring, please complete our Mentor Registration Form – please sign up early to help us make the best matches: [https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9t0l58rav5boaFw](https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9t0l58rav5boaFw)



## Coaches Needed!

**HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAMS NEED YOU TO COACH THEM!**

The Lane County Bar Association's **Community Law Education Committee** is collaborating with the **Civics Learning Project** to recruit additional legal professionals to coach high school Mock Trial Teams in regional, statewide, and national level competitions. Mock Trial in the classroom, as well as through intra-state competitions, allows students to learn civics through presenting an actual case before judges. Students gain knowledge and confidence in the following areas: teamwork, civil and criminal legal concepts, structure of trials and human rights protections provided by trials, persuasive writing, critical thinking, constructing an argument, public speaking, and an appreciation for the American legal system.

Regional competitions will occur on **February 24, 2024**, and are held locally at the Lane County Courthouse hosted by the **Honorable Debra Vogt**.

Teams advancing to the State competition will compete on Saturday and Sunday **March 16-17, 2024**, in Portland.

Lane County High Schools currently fielding teams with local lawyers/legal professionals as coaches include defending Champions from **North Eugene High School**, **Thurston High School**, and **South Eugene High School** (although long-term lead coach **Dennis Gerl** is retiring from the team, and we urgently need new coaches!) There are several other local high schools wanting to establish teams and we need coaches!!



If you are interested, want to have fun, and serve as a role model for soon to be adults, please contact **Molly Hylton**, Senior Program Manager Civics Learning Project, [mhylton@civicslearning.org](mailto:mhylton@civicslearning.org) (503)224-4424 or **Edward Gerdes**, Chair Community Law Education Committee [edgerdes@comcast.net](mailto:edgerdes@comcast.net).

For more information about the Civics Learning Project visit [www.civicslearning.org](http://www.civicslearning.org) or the Community Law Education Committee visit <https://lanecountybar.org/committees-sections/>



## UO Law School Manager Position

The **University of Oregon School of Law Career Center** is hiring a new **Manager**. Join the Career Center team in this interesting, important, and fun work.



## Announcements



The law firm of **GLEAVES SWEARINGEN LLP** is pleased to announce that **Chelle B. Haynes** and **Ariana E. Buchanan** have joined the firm as associates. Chelle has been practicing law in the Eugene/Springfield area since earning her J.D. from



the University of Oregon School of Law in 2018. Her practice focuses on litigation. Ariana earned her J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2022. Her practice focuses on business law.

## Announcement



**Janice E. Hatton** has joined **Thorp, Purdy, Jewett, Urness & Wilkinson, P.C.**, as an of counsel attorney. Ms. Hatton's practice focuses on estate planning, trust and probate administration, guardianship/conservatorships, Medicaid planning and elder law.



## Attorney Positions Available

**Tullos Beckett LLC** is seeking an associate family litigation attorney to join its busy and expanding firm. We are offering a competitive starting salary with high earning potential and are interested in candidates who are members of the Oregon State Bar. Preference will be given to those with demonstrable courtroom experience. Please send your cover letter, resume, and three professional references in a single pdf to [jordan@tullosbeckett.com](mailto:jordan@tullosbeckett.com). The full job posting can be viewed at: <https://www.tullosbeckett.com/seeking-litigation-associate>

## Paralegal Position Available

### PLAINTIFF PERSONAL INJURY PARALEGAL

**Corson & Johnson** would love to hire another experienced personal injury paralegal. If you are passionate about helping injured people, already know the ropes for this type of work, and are willing to work full time in-office, we would be happy to share details and talk with you. We offer competitive compensation, good benefits, in addition to a legal staff bonus program. If interested, please email your resume to [info@corsonjohnsonlaw.com](mailto:info@corsonjohnsonlaw.com).

## Office Space Available

One office in beautiful downtown building on 8th and High, right across from Whole Foods. \$500 per month. Shared kitchen, bathroom and common areas. Free internet. Contact **Raquel** at [raquel@immigrationoregon.com](mailto:raquel@immigrationoregon.com).

8 offices available in friendly, professional environment in downtown Eugene (142 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.); ample parking, short walk to all municipal, state & federal courthouses, jail, city/county offices, & downtown businesses, amenities. Rent includes reception services, high-speed internet, twice weekly janitorial service, use of three conference rooms, kitchen-break room, and two work rooms equipped with photocopiers, fax, postage meter, shredder, and related amenities. Rents are \$500, \$675, \$775 or \$950/mo, depending on size and view, with optional assistant workstations at \$150-\$175/mo. For more information or viewing, please contact **Alan Seligson** at (541) 338-8500 or [aseligson@scslaw.org](mailto:aseligson@scslaw.org).

**66 CLUB, LEGAL PRACTICE IN EUGENE RIVER VIEW OFFICE SPACES** available for sublease. West wing has a river view office approximately 8ft x 8ft at \$700 per month with two support offices adjacent at \$400 per month each. All with reception support, conference/Zoom meeting room and including internet and telephone. Subleasing arrangement shared with legal practice. Contact **John Davis** Realtor at [john@ineugenere.com](mailto:john@ineugenere.com) and 541 222-9477.

## Services Offered

### CONTRACT PARALEGAL SERVICE S&T SUPPORT, LLC

Seasoned Paralegals available on an as-needed basis. Backgrounds in estate planning, probate/trust administration, business law, and litigation. Will work remotely or on-site serving Salem, Portland and Eugene. Visit <https://www.stsupportllc.com/> for services and staff. Call (503) 967-6023 or email [tammy@stsupportllc.com](mailto:tammy@stsupportllc.com) to discuss your paralegal needs.



**Law for the People** is a new nonprofit legal services organization offering assistance to low-income clients with family law cases in Lane County. Rather than providing traditional comprehensive legal services, our focus is on empowering our clients by helping them represent themselves. Our goal is to keep legal costs to a minimum by charging a low hourly rate without the necessity of a retainer and relying upon our clients to perform their own legwork. For more information, contact **Michael L. Quillin** at (541) 632-6453 or [mlquillin@lawforthepeople.org](mailto:mlquillin@lawforthepeople.org), or visit our website at <https://www.lawforthepeople.org>.



## Services Offered

**The District** is an invaluable resource for local or out-of-town attorneys who may need a place for depositions or a temporary office while working in the Eugene/Springfield area.

A month-to-month membership for a flex desk is \$375 per month, an annual membership has a discounted rate of \$340 per month. There is no deposit associated with a flex membership, but we do collect a one-time \$50 registration fee.

A month-to-month membership for a dedicated desk is \$490 per month, an annual membership has a discounted rate of \$440 per month. A deposit equal to your membership selection is collected at the beginning of your membership.

There are (3) private conference rooms available. Our conference rooms vary by size and can be rented by the hour. Our hourly rates start at \$10 and increase up to \$20 an hour for members (depending on the size). The only additional fee associated with the meeting space is a \$150 cleaning fee. This fee is collected during the meeting booking process. There are 1-5-person private offices available. Pricing varies by size and location. A deposit is not required for new members, but there is a one-time \$50 registration fee.

For further information contact **Nicole Klapman**, *Business Manager*  
Main 541-343-6505 | Direct 541-914-7080



### BOOKKEEPING AND PAYROLL SERVICES

Former paralegal with 20 years of experience specializing in small practice bookkeeping and payroll. Contact **Marisela Taylor** at either 541-942-0000, or [mari@paintedmountaindesign.com](mailto:mari@paintedmountaindesign.com).



### INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Criminal and civil investigations, background checks, witness interviews, process service, reasonable rates. **Stacy D. Stumbo Private Investigations** (PI-ID No. 63668) Call (541) 514-5179 or email [sdspis@yahoo.com](mailto:sdspis@yahoo.com) for details.



### MEDIATION SERVICES

Retired senior judge **Jack Billings** is available for mediation and arbitration services. Judge Billings has settled literally hundreds of domestic relations, tort, real estate, construction defect, contract and other disputes during his more than 45 years of bar service. He can generally arrange a mediation within a few weeks. For information on fees and availability contact him at: [srjudgejab@yahoo.com](mailto:srjudgejab@yahoo.com), 541-510-6239.

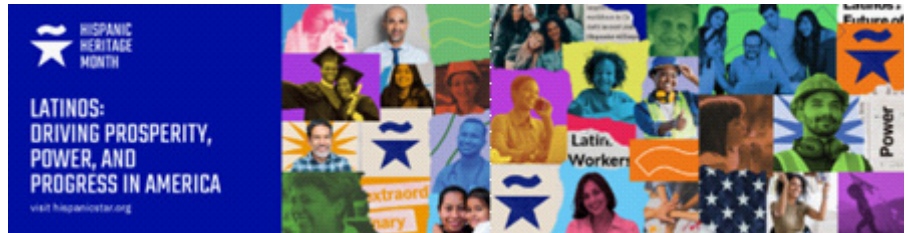
## Upcoming Events

- September 4 Court Closed - Holiday 
- September 14 LCBA Luncheon  
*Current State of Public Defender Services in Oregon and the Impact on Lane County*  
Jessica Kampf  
Christopher Parosa  
Brooke Reinhard  
Honorable Jay McAlpin  
The Gordon Hotel  
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. 
- Free Legal Answers Event  
Knight Law Center, Room 175  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- September 22 O'Connell Conference & CLE  
*U.S. Supreme Court Term: Rights & Democracy in Flux*  
Knight Law Center, Room 175  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 
- September 22 - Law Alumni & Friends Fall Celebration  
September 23 Various Events  
Various Locations 
- September 28 LCWL, OWLF & OWL  
Fall Networking Social  
Hop Valley Brewing  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 
- November 17 5th Annual Chief Justice Martha Walter's Award  
Honoring Attorney Tina Stupasky  
The Gordon Hotel  
11:45 a.m. - ? 

## Bar News Deadline

Please help us get the Bar News to you in a timely manner. While all submissions are welcomed, remember the **deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month**. We try to accommodate the inclusion of all submissions, but cannot guarantee that any submissions received after this deadline will be included in the next issue. Submissions that do not make one issue of the newsletter will, of course, be included in the subsequent issue. We try to release the newsletter as close to the first of the month as possible; however, sometimes things happen to prevent that. Please keep that in mind when submitting information for an event that takes place during the first week of the month. The preparation of this newsletter is a labor of love, but it does take some time and effort. Your support of this process is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Hispanic Heritage Month: September 15 - October 15

Freelance Legal  
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Constitution Day  
Sunday, September 17th



Grandparents Day:  
Sunday, September 10th



Labor Day:  
Monday, September 4th



Autumnal Equinox - September 23rd

## Bar News

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# CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY!

On Sept. 17, 1787, the Constitutional Congress signed and sent the Constitution to the 13 states for ratification.

## America is a religiously free nation.

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."*

— **First Amendment to the Constitution, adopted 1791**

*"The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe with blood for centuries."*

— **James Madison**

*"... the government of the United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian Religion, ..."*

— **John Adams**

*"I am for freedom of religion, and against all maneuvers to bring about a legal ascendancy of one sect over another."*

— **Thomas Jefferson**



## America is an idea, an experiment constantly being challenged, correcting mistakes, and moving forward toward the promise of freedom for all.

*"True patriotism springs from a belief in the dignity of the individual, freedom and equality not only for Americans but for all people on earth, universal brotherhood and goodwill ..."*

— **Eleanor Roosevelt**

*"What's brilliant about the United States system of government is separation of power. Not only the executive, legislative, judicial branches, but also the independence of the military... [under civilian control] and independent media and press, and independent central bank."*

— **Faisal Abdul Rauf**

*"The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous."*

— **Frederick Douglass**

*"[We] don't believe in the Constitution because [we] are American. [We] are Americans because [we] believe in the promises of the Constitution."*

— **J.S.B. Morse**

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### The New Colossus

*"...A mighty woman with a torch, and her name Mother of Exiles.  
From her beacon-hand Glows world-wide welcome;  
...cries she [w]ith silent lips, 'Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!'"*

**American poet Emma Lazarus**  
November 2, 1883