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From the President's Desk

Dear LCBA Members:

Happy Holidays! Join us for our [Winter Social](#) on **Tuesday, December 19** from **5:00 to 8:00 pm** at the **Downtown Athletic Club**. We will have hors d'oeuvres, drink, music (Eugene Springfield Youth Orchestra string quartet), fun, and conversation. We are also offering free directory photo sessions with a professional photographer, Tomás Hildago. LCBA members please register by Monday, December 11 for catering purposes. The non-LCBA member ticket price is \$25.

This is a great time of year to give back to our community. Consider volunteering for Habitat for Humanity Central Lane, <https://habitatlane.galaxydigital.com> or United Way Lane County, <https://www.volunteeruwlane.org>.

Finally, our **Thursday, January 11** lunch will be at **The Gordon Hotel** with a "State of the Courts" presentation by Presiding Judge **Jay McAlpin**, Lane County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

Felipe Alonso III



Seeking Participants for Legal Decision-Making Study

Please consider the following survey invitation on behalf of researchers at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The researchers leading this study will compare legal decision-making across several populations - judges, attorneys, law, undergraduate, and graduate students. Participants will be presented with excerpts from two competing briefs and then asked to read each excerpt and offer a decision on the legal outcome. Demographic information will be collected. Participants will then be presented with a series of questions about their decision-making process. This survey is anonymous.

The study has been approved by the **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth IRB**. Participants can choose to enter a raffle after completing the study to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. If you wish to enter the raffle, you will be directed to a separate survey to provide your email information. Your email/contact information will not be associated or linked to your responses. For more information, please contact **Dr. Raina Lamade** at rlamade@umassd.edu or (508) 999-8761. To participate, please go to https://umassdartmouth.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/forms/SV_6A6GUmR10xh8eq.

From the CJE Lane County Steering Committee

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 Campaign for Equal Justice Luncheon and particularly those who have contributed already. We are off to a strong start. There are countless worthy causes in our county and state. As **Frank Gibson** mentioned at the luncheon, access to justice is and needs to be our cause. We are uniquely aware of the need that exists and the benefit to both the community and the legal system when those in need of representation and justice have access to them.

For anyone who has not contributed this year, please do so before the chaos of the holidays takes hold (and before the Steering Committee begins haranguing everyone by phone). Please also consider joining the **Justice Circle**. It is an easy, automatic monthly contribution and allows **CEJ** to better predict its revenue for the year (<https://cej-oregon.org/donate/>).

Finally, the Steering Committee has committed to personally providing cookies for next year's event if we bring the Justice Cup back to its rightful home this year. We can do it, and thanks for all the support.

Sincerely,

Ross and Todd

Announcements

Luvaas Cobb Welcomes Rowan Bond

Luvaas Cobb is pleased to announce that **Rowan Q. Bond** has joined the firm as an associate attorney. After graduating from Missouri State University magna cum laude with a degree in Professional Writing, Rowan went on to obtain her law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law. Post-graduation she clerked for the Honorable Bradley A. Cascagnette at the Lane County Circuit Court before coming to Luvaas Cobb. Rowan looks forward to building a client-forward practice, with a focus on litigation and family law. You can reach **Rowan** at rbond@luvaascobb.com.



Public Defender Services Holiday Open House

The Board of Trustees of Public Defender Services of Lane County, Inc., will host the PDSL Holiday Open House on Friday, December 15, at 180 East 11th Avenue in Eugene, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be live music provided by the [Yard Dogs](#). For more information please contact LCPDS Office Manager, Kristen Blanton, at kblanton@lanepds.org. Happy Holidays and we hope to see you there!

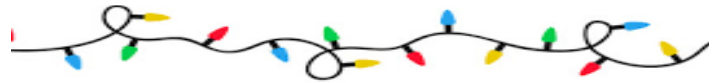
Lane County Deeds & Records Open at New Location December 5th

The **Lane County Deeds & Records Office** is relocating from the County's Public Service Building at 8th and Oak in downtown Eugene to the **Elections Office at 10th and Lincoln** in Eugene. While this certainly doesn't impact every bar member or legal team, an announcement in the Lane County Bar News helps to spread the word. The move will be effective starting on **Tuesday, December 5**, and the last day for services at the current location will be **Friday, December 1**. Deeds and Records services will be unavailable on **Monday, December 4**, for staff training. The specific services that will move to the Elections Office at **275 W. 10th Avenue, Eugene**, are: Real Property Recording (including deeds, titles or interest to real property located in Lane County), marriage licenses and ceremonies, domestic partnership declarations, and property value appeals. The Public Research Library and its self-serve computer terminals will remain at 125 E. 8th Ave., due to the amount of space they require. Combining the services of the County Clerk's Office under one roof should improve overall efficiency of the department and also improve accessibility, with dedicated parking and an easier-to-find location. More information about the move is available on the [Lane County Deeds and Records website](#) as well as on the attached flyer.

Positions Available

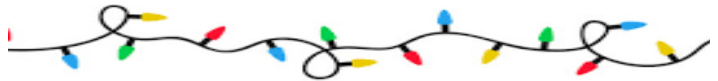
Associate Attorney - Local Government Law Group P.C., Eugene Oregon

[The Local Government Law Group](#) represents Oregon public sector employers, throughout Oregon, with their municipal, labor and employment law needs. We have an immediate position available for a full-time lawyer, in our Eugene office, with an emphasis in local government labor law, including collective bargaining, arbitrations, policy review, and ERB hearing matters. We offer a competitive salary and benefits. For further information, and/or to express your interest, please contact **Diana Moffat** (diana@localgovtlaw.com) or **Mark Wolf** (mark@localgovtlaw.com). Both can also be reached at (541) 485-5151.



Term Law Clerk Position - Oregon Bankruptcy Court

Judge **Thomas M. Renn** is recruiting for the position of Term Law Clerk. For information about the position and application instructions, visit the court's employment page at www.orb.uscourts.gov and click on the Employment tab.



Associate Family Litigation Attorney - Tullos Beckett LLC

Tullos Beckett LLC seeks a family litigation attorney to join its busy and expanding firm. We are offering a competitive starting salary, paid benefits, with high earning potential. Willing to mentor and train the right candidate. Please send your cover letter, resume, and three professional references in a single pdf to jordan@tullosbeckett.com. The full job posting can be viewed at: <https://www.tullosbeckett.com/seeking-litigation-associate>.



Part-Time Office Assistant Position Available - The Grooters

The Grooters Law Office is seeking a half-time in-office assistant in a high-level criminal defense practice in the courthouse district in downtown Eugene. Desktop computer skills and a willingness to learn are more important than prior experience in the justice system. LGBTQ+ friendly. Compensation based on qualifications; parking expense and PTO provided. If interested, please send inquiry to **Eva** at eva@uncommon.law, or call or text to 541-338-4144.



Experienced Probate Paralegal - Leahy Cox LLP

Looking to add an experienced paralegal in probate/estate planning. Must be a team player, professional, flexible, motivated and have a positive attitude. Must have good communication skills, ability to multi-task, attention to detail and very accurate. Knowledge of complex secretarial procedures, legal terminology, legal systems and processes, computer equipment and software, including Outlook, Word, Timeslips, Excel and Clio. Competitive salary and benefits package. All inquiries held in strict confidence. Send cover letter and resume to: Office Manager, **Leahy Cox, LLP**, 188 West B St, Bldg N, Springfield, OR 97477, or rdd@emeraldaw.com, or call (541) 746-9621 ext. 100.

Office Space Available

142 W 8TH AVE., OFFICES IN DOWNTOWN EUGENE

UP TO 10 OFFICES available in friendly, professional environment in downtown Eugene. Ample parking, short walk to all municipal, state & federal courthouses, jail, city/county offices, & downtown businesses, amenities. Rent includes reception services, high-speed internet, 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 \$450, \$675, \$750 or \$900/mo, depending on size and view, with optional assistant workstations at \$125-\$175/mo. For more information, viewing, and incentives, please contact **Alan Seligson** at (541) 338-8500 or 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 and (541) 222-9477.



Honoring Judge Merten

After a courageous battle against cancer, **Judge Maurice Keith "Maury" Merten** passed away on October 31, 2023, in his home, at the age of 78. Maury was born on May 30, 1945, to Stephen and Hazel (Luukkonen) Merten in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Jesuit High School in Portland in 1963. After high school, he moved



to Eugene, Oregon to attend the University of Oregon. Upon receiving a Bachelor of Science in Law in 1967, Maury went to law school at the U of O, graduating in 1969 and becoming a member of the Oregon State Bar Association. While at the U of O, Maury met the love of his life, Bonnie Breazeale. The two were married on June 25, 1966. After graduation, Maury accepted a job as an assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. Working with a "strike force" of U.S. attorneys, he helped prosecute cases of organized crime and racketeering throughout the country from 1969 to 1973. In February 1973, the Mertens returned to Lane County where Maury accepted a job as the chief trial lawyer in the Lane County District Attorney's office. Maury spent two years and nine months prosecuting major violent felonies for the District Attorney's office before being appointed to the district court bench as a full-time pro tem judge in 1975. On July 1, 1976, Judge Merten became Lane County's fifth permanent District Court Judge. In 1980, Governor Vic Atiyeh appointed Judge Merten to the Lane County Circuit Court bench, where he remained until his retirement in 2020.

Judge Merten was a devoted public servant, serving on the bench in Lane County for a total of 45 years. Throughout his career, he had the reputation of being incredibly hard-working, a stickler for the rule of law, and extremely fair. His memory for caselaw was unparalleled. He was known as an "old school" judge, running his courtroom with dignity and efficiency. He expected lawyers to be prepared and to work as hard as he did. He was notorious for keeping trials moving by starting early, ending late and not taking many breaks. As both a trial lawyer and a judge, Judge Merten had the ability to put witnesses and jurors at ease without sacrificing the traditional legal solemnity of the occasion. Judge Merten believed that mentoring new lawyers was a judge's duty. As such, he was part of the local bar association's new lawyer committee for many years, hosting countless legal education programs in his courtroom. Over his 45-year career on the bench, Judge Merten mentored hundreds of new lawyers, including many of his judicial clerks, three of whom are currently judges on the Lane County Circuit Court bench. Maury is survived by Bonnie, his wife of 57 years. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Jerry Breazeale. He was predeceased by his parents and his older brother, Micheal Merten. At his request, there will be no formal celebration of life.

As Maury believed strongly in the importance of children's organized sports, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to **Kidsports**.

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 to discuss your paralegal needs.

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.

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 [sdspi@yahoo.com](mailto:sdsp@ 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, 541-510-6239.

LAW FOR THE PEOPLE

Law for the People is a 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, or visit our website at <https://www.lawforthepeople.org>.

THE DISTRICT

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



Upcoming Events

December 1	Deeds & Records -last day for services at 125. E 8th Ave.
December 4	Deeds & Records closed
December 5	Deeds & Records opens at 275 W. 10th Ave.
December 7	First day of Hanukkah
December 15	Public Defender Services Holiday Party
December 19	LCBA Winter Social 5:00-8:00 PM Downtown Athletic Club
December 21	Winter Solstice
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Kwanzaa begins
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 11	LCBA Luncheon Gordon Hotel Presenter: Honorable Jay McAlpin

BAR NEWS DEADLINE

Please help us to get the Bar News to you in a timely manner. While all submissions are welcomed, remember the deadline is the 20th 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, although it does take some time and effort. Your support in this process is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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DEEDS AND RECORDS IS MOVING

NEW ADDRESS

275 W. 10th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401

Starting on December 5, 2023, the Deeds and Records Office will move to 275 W. 10th Avenue where the Elections Office is located. Free parking is available behind the building.

Head to our new location for the following services:

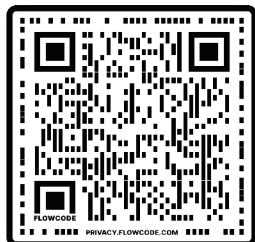
- Real property recording
- Marriage licenses and ceremonies
- Domestic partnership declarations
- Property value appeals

The public research library will remain at its current location.

The move will help us be more efficient in the County Clerk's Office and improve staff support for the elections process.

Deeds and Records services will be closed on December 4 for staff training.

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TO SEE A MAP

*Thank you for your
patience!*

