

From the President's Desk

Dear LCBA Members:

Happy New Year! Thanks for all that joined us at the Winter Social. This month the LCBA lunch is at **The Gordon Hotel** on **Thursday, January 11, 2024 at noon**. The **Honorable Jay McAlpin**, Presiding Judge, Lane County Circuit Court, will give the annual "State of the Courts" address. LCBA will seek CLE credit for the hour.

This month consider volunteering for Downtown Languages, Centro Latino Americano, and Huerto de la Familia.

Sincerely,

Felipe Alonso III

Volunteer Judges Needed!

The **Honorable Debra K. Vogt** is coordinating the **Civics Learning Project's High School Mock Trial Regional Competition**. The Southern Willamette Valley Regional Competition will be held at the Lane County Circuit Court on **Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**.

Volunteers may judge for either a full or half day. The competition is looking for both Presiding and Scoring Judges. Presiding Judges must have a legal background, as they will be ruling on trial objections and matters of the court. Scoring Judges will be scoring all roles and may be filled by anyone (a legal background helpful, but not necessary).

To volunteer, please: (1) Contact Courtney Burns at Courtney.a.burns@ojd.state.or.us, OR (2) Visit [Civics Learning Project's Hub | VOMO](#) to create an account and apply for the "Mock Trial Judge - Eugene (2024)" location.

If you have any questions, please contact Judge Vogt's clerk, Courtney Burns, at Courtney.a.burns@ojd.state.or.us.



Announcements

Lane County Deeds and Records

Please note that while Lane County Deeds and Records' walk-in services have moved, their mailing address stays the same. Please continue to direct all U.S. Postal Mail intended for Lane County Deeds and Records to:

Lane County Deeds and Records
125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401



Events

Monthly Free Legal Answers Events at Oregon Law: Volunteer, Mentor, Eat Pizza & Earn CLE Credit!

Starting in January, Oregon Law will host monthly Free Legal Answers events on **Fridays, 12-2 pm**. This program allows lawyers to select questions to answer that have been submitted to a platform. The ABA provides liability coverage, and the work is eligible for CLE credit. Visit [OSB's Free Legal Answers page](#) to learn more.

Using a model used by law schools around the country, lawyers will be paired with students to answer 1-2 questions that the lawyer has selected, providing both valuable mentoring and pro bono legal assistance. Oregon law will hold events from 12-2 pm on **January 19, February 9, March 8, and April 12**.

We will make sure that volunteer attorneys have the information needed to make this a fun and rewarding experience. Pizza will also be provided, as will a parking pass for the first 3 volunteers each month. [See the signup sheet](#) for times and location.



Oregon Law Students Public Interest Fund

Don't miss this fun event on **Friday, February 2**, that provides stipends for students who have unpaid public interest positions in the summer. The night will feature a social hour, a short live auction, a wall of wine, and games of chance. Tables and tickets can be purchased by emailing plpp@uoregon.edu or visiting the OLSPIF event site, <https://charityauction.bid/OLSPIF2024>.



OLSPIF Dinner & Auction

Justice Blooms

February 2nd, 2024, 5:00 pm

University of Oregon EMU Ballroom

Silent Auction, February 1-8

Registration for in-person event closes January 25th



Announcements from the Oregon State Bar

UTCR Amendments and Licensed Paralegals

On December 15th, the Chief Justice signed an order directing several [out-of-cycle UTCR changes](#). The new UTCR 1.210 addresses applications of the UTCRs to Licensed Paralegals. These new rules will take effect on January 1, 2024.

Court Approves Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination (SPPE)

On November 7th, 2023, the Oregon Supreme Court approved a new method to assess the skills and knowledge of OSB applicants. The SPPE will be offered in addition to the Oregon Bar Exam, beginning in 2024. More information is available [here](#).

Judicial Vacancies

For the latest information on current State and Federal court vacancies, including selection processes, please visit our [Judicial Vacancies page](#). This page also includes information on recent judicial appointments.



"Good news, Honey, Santa's lawyer says your New Year's resolutions are legally binding."

Positions Available

Official Court Reporter - U.S. District Court



The Clerk's Office of the **United States District Court** for the District of Oregon is now accepting applications for the full-time position of **Official Court Reporter** in the Eugene Division. The incumbent performs court reporting services for all judicial proceedings and produces transcripts. Court reporting services are performed in person or remotely, depending on Court needs and the requirements of particular proceedings. Court reporting services performed remotely will include covering proceedings in any division within the District of Oregon via video teleconference. Court reporters are required to travel occasionally within the District. Court reporters are guided by and responsible for following the policies and administrative procedures contained in the **Court Reporter Management Plan** for the Division of Oregon.

Complete position and salary information is attached on the end of this issue. To apply, please send your letter of interest, chronological resume, copies of certificates, and list of (3) professional references, in a single PDF to hr@ord.uscourts.gov.

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.

Assistant Director - Oregon Law's Career Center

[Oregon Law's Career Center](#) is looking for a new Assistant Director. Feel free to contact **Felipe Alonso** with your questions, falonso@uoregon.edu and 541-346-3809.

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 - Tulos Beckett LLC

Tulos 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@tulosbeckett.com. The full job posting can be viewed at: <https://www.tulosbeckett.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@emeraldclaw.com, or call (541) 746-9621 ext. 100.

Law Office of Mike Arnold Positions Available

Family Law Trial Attorney

Eugene - (Remote Possibility). Boutique firm with three attorneys; eight support staff. Seeking minimum of 1-2 years of experience with courtroom exposure. Complex family law cases statewide. Supportive Environment for career growth, mentoring, comprehensive training and resources for developing trial skills. Competitive compensation. For more information, visit mikearnold.com/careers.



Criminal Defense Trial Attorney

Eugene - (Remote Work Option). Seeking former DAs/PDs or other similar trial experience. We specialize in challenging cases involving the falsely accused and government overreach statewide. Minimum 1-2 years of courtroom experience. Responsibilities: case management from intake to settlement, legal research, and client interaction. Dynamic work environment with three lawyers, eight support staff primed for growth. For more information, visit mikearnold.com/careers.



Senior Family Law Litigation Paralegal

Eugene -Seeking paralegal with 5-10 years experience. \$30.00-\$60.00/hr depending on education, skills, experience, leadership. We specialize in challenging cases involving the falsely accused and government overreach statewide. Minimum 1-2 years of courtroom experience. Responsibilities: case management from intake to settlement, legal research, and client interaction. Dynamic work environment with three lawyers, eight support staff primed for growth. For more information, visit mikearnold.com/careers.

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. 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.



Corporate Transparency Act

The **Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)** was enacted by Congress on January 1, 2021 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act.

The CTA includes significant reforms to anti-money laundering laws and is intended to help prevent and combat money laundering, terrorist financing, corruption, and tax fraud. The CTA establishes a beneficial ownership reporting requirement for corporations, limited liability companies, and other similar entities formed or registered to do business in the United States.

The beneficial ownership reports must be filed with the **Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)**, a bureau within the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Who has to report? Most active corporations, LLCs, and other businesses formed by filing a document with a Secretary of State's office in the United States. Contact FinCEN to confirm whether your business is required to report.

Who does not have to report? Publicly traded companies, banks and other financial institutions, tax-exempt nonprofits, public utilities, and some large businesses. Most are already subject to regulatory requirements (see [Small Entity Compliance Guide](#), Chapter 1.2).

How do I report, and whose information? Reporting Companies will report beneficial ownership through [FinCEN's website](#), not available for reporting until after 1/1/2024. A Beneficial Owner is any individual who either exercises substantial control over a company or owns or controls at least 25% of the ownership interest. If a business entity owns or controls at least 25% of a reporting company, then its Beneficial Owner(s) must also be reported. Company Applicants are individuals who, after 1/1/2024, directly submitted the formation or registration document for a company, or were primarily responsible for that submission. There may be up to two Company Applicants.

What is reported? Company legal name and current principal place of business street address in the U.S.; Any assumed business name (DBA) used by the company; TIN or EIN; Each Beneficial Owner's name, birthdate, residential street address, (applicants whose business is submitting registration document may use their business address), and; an identifying number with an image of an acceptable ID (e.g., driver's license or passport). There is no fee, and this is not an annual report. Only updates and corrections are necessary.

When do I report? Companies created or registered prior to 1/1/2024 have until 1/1/2025 to report. Companies created in 2024 must report within 90 days. Failure to report is punishable with a civil penalty up to \$500/day.

(article from Secretary of State Oregon-Business, <https://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/corporate-transparency-act.aspx>).

In Summary

Reporting companies may report beneficial ownership information to FinCEN starting on January 1, 2024. Existing businesses must report within one year (prior to January 1, 2025). New businesses formed must report within 30 days of creation or registration. New businesses must also report company applicant information. For more information on the reporting requirement and its application, including exemptions, beneficial ownership, qualifying identification documents, reporting procedures, and more, visit <https://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/corporate-transparency-act.aspx>.

Please contact FinCEN for the most up-to-date information and answers to your questions:

Email: frc@fincen.gov

Phone number: 1-800-767-2825

CLE CREDIT:

Are you prepared to comply with the Corporate Transparency Act?

For information and registration, visit <https://www.americanbar.org/>



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.



LAW FOR THE PEOPLE

Law for the People is a nonprofit legal services organization 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 legal work. For more information, contact **Michael L. Quillin** at (541) 632-6453 or mlquillin@lawforthepeople.org, or visit their 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.



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 sdspe@yahoo.com for details.



Upcoming Events

- January 1 New Year's Day
- January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 11 LCBA Luncheon
Gordon Hotel
Presenter:
Honorable Jay McAlpin
- January 19 Free Legal Answers at Oregon Law
(Event begins)
- February 2 Oregon Law Students'
Public Interest Fund
Dinner & Auction, UO EMU
(registration closes Jan. 25)
- February 20 Derrick Bell Lecture, 5:30 PM
Knight Law Center
- February 24 Civics Learning Project's High School
Mock Trial Regional Competition
Lane County Circuit Court

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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***Career Opportunity
Official Court Reporter
Clerk's Office
Eugene, Oregon
Vacancy Number ORD-23-15
Open Until Filled***

THE POSITION

The Clerk's Office of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon is now accepting applications for the full-time position of Official Court Reporter in the Eugene Division. The incumbent performs court reporting services for all judicial proceedings and produces transcripts. Court reporting services are performed in person or remotely, depending on Court needs and the requirements of particular proceedings. Court reporting services performed remotely will include covering proceedings in any division within the District of Oregon via video teleconference. Court reporters are required to travel occasionally within the District. Court reporters are guided by and responsible for following the policies and administrative procedures contained in the Court Reporter Management Plan for the District of Oregon.

Representative Duties: Responsibilities of this position may include but are not limited to the following (other duties may be assigned):

- Attends and records verbatim by Computer Assisted Technology (CAT) court sessions or other proceedings as are specified by statute, rule, or order of the Court.
- Provides realtime reporting to the Court as requested.
- Provides transcripts within the time and cost limitations set by the Judicial Conference; electronically files with Clerk of Court a copy of all transcripts prepared.
- Promptly certifies and files all original shorthand notes and other original records of proceedings.
- Performs such administrative duties as required, such as billing for transcripts, financial and other record keeping, preparation and filing of required Administrative Office reports, and responding to official correspondence and telephone calls.
- Schedules contract court reporters and initiates contracts for services as needed for coverage.

SALARY RANGE

This position is classified at Level 1 – 4, depending upon the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

Level 1: \$88,333, starting salary

Level 2: \$92,749, starting salary + 5% - requires merit certification¹

Level 3: \$97,166, starting salary + 10% - requires realtime certification²

Level 4: \$101,582, starting salary + 15% - requires realtime certification and merit certification

In addition to the salary, court reporters receive transcript fees.

¹ Merit Certification: Registered merit reporter from the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA).

² Realtime Certification: Successful completion of a certified realtime examination by NCRA or equivalent exam.

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum Qualifications: To be eligible for this position, candidates must possess a minimum of four years of prime court reporting experience in a court or in a freelance field of service, or a combination thereof, and have passed the NCRA examination or passed an equivalent qualifying examination. Realtime court reporting proficiency is required.

Desired Qualifications: Realtime certification and Federal Court Reporter experience is highly desired. Preference will be given to candidates with an NCRA Certificate of Merit and CRR or FCRR Certificate.

Candidates must also demonstrate:

- A consistent past employment record;
- Experience in dealing with routine and complex assignments;
- Excellent typing and proofreading skills;
- A demonstrated ability to think through, analyze, and interpret written communications;
- Ability to prioritize tasks and work assignments;
- Superior oral and written communication skills;
- Strong interpersonal skills; and
- A professional demeanor and appearance appropriate for a law or professional office environment.

Successful candidates should be self-starters, mature, highly organized and possess tact, good judgment, poise, and initiative.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, submit the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Chronological resume;
3. Copies of certificates; and
4. A list of 3 professional references.

Send electronically to hr2@ord.uscourts.gov in pdf form. Electronic submissions should be combined into one pdf document. Verification of employment and education and reference checks will be made prior to any offer of employment.

The Court provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation for any part of the application or hiring process, please notify the Human Resources Division of the Clerk's Office at 503-326-8165. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Applicants must be United States citizens or lawful permanent residents currently seeking citizenship or intending to become a citizen after meeting the eligibility requirement as outlined in 8 U.S.C § 1324b(a)(3)(B).
- False statements or omissions of information on any application materials or the inability to meet conditions of employment may be grounds for non-selection, withdrawal of an offer of employment, or dismissal after being employed.

- All information is subject to verification and background investigation.
- An FBI background check is required for all individuals appointed to positions in the U.S. Courts. New employees are considered "provisional hires" pending the successful completion of the FBI background check.
- Employees of the United States Courts serve under "Excepted Appointments" and are considered "at will" employees. As such, employment can be terminated at any time. Furthermore, Federal Civil Service classifications do not apply.
- Duty station assignments are at the sole discretion of the appointing officer.
- Employees are subject to mandatory participation in electronic funds transfer (EFT) for payment of net pay (i.e., Direct Deposit). (Limited exceptions are available upon request.)
- The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of posted job announcements or to withdraw an announcement entirely, either of which may occur without prior written or other notice.
- In the event a position becomes vacant in a similar classification within a reasonable time from the original announcement, the appointing officer may select an appointee from the candidates who responded to the initial announcement without posting the vacancy.

ABOUT U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The United States District Court for the District of Oregon is an Equity Focused Employer. We value diversity and are committed to equity and inclusion in our workplace. The District of Oregon encourages applications from all qualified individuals and seeks a diverse pool of applicants in terms of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, languages spoken, veteran status, disability, religion, socio-economic circumstance, and any other status or characteristic protected under applicable federal law.