

From the President's Desk

Dear LCBA Members:

Happy Spring!

This month the LCBA lunch is at **The Gordon** on [Thursday, April 11 at noon](#).

"Why Criminal Defense is Not the Shady Occupation You Once Thought".

Local independent defense counsel Jennifer Lang Perkins and Bryan Boender will present on why you should, and how you can, assist with the public defense crisis locally. Access to Justice CLE credit will be sought.

The first of a multi-session CLE series from the Education Workgroup recently assigned by **Presiding Judge Jay McAlpin** and headed by **Judge Clara Rigmaiden**, intended to bolster interest in defense, make it more accessible, and improve trial skills amongst the local bar. Watch for future sessions covering specific trial skills (Voir Dire, Objections, Negotiations, etc.) presented by local masters of that craft.

Also, consider volunteering in support of the arts at the [Lane Arts Council](#) and/or the [Eugene Symphony](#).

Sincerely,

Felipe Alonso III



Announcements

Spring Clothing Drive and CLE Thursday, April 18

The **Lane County Women Lawyers** are pleased to host a Spring Clothing Drive and CLE on **Thursday, April 18, 2024**, starting at 4pm at the **Old Spaghetti Factory in Eugene**.

Experts from the Oregon DOJ will present on mandatory child abuse and elder abuse/vulnerable adult abuse reporting, satisfying OSB's requirements for this credit, at 4-5pm. The training will be followed by a social hour and clothing drive for all to attend, from 5-6:30pm. This is the same series of events as we put on 25 years ago, when the child abuse CLE was first required!

Please register by April 9 [here](#). The CLE is \$40 and the social hour is sponsored by **Larwick Law Firm** and free to attend.

Please bring lightly worn professional clothing to contribute to the drive, which will go to local nonprofit **Hope & Safety Alliance**, which provides advocacy and other services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Lane County.

Best,

Jeslyn & Shannon (LCWL co-chairs)



Announcements from the Oregon State Bar

Seeking Public Comment – MCLE Rule Changes

OSB is seeking comment on two proposed MCLE rule amendments. Read the first proposed change, which clarifies the eligibility for an individual bar members to submit an accreditation application at no cost, [here](#), and the second proposal, which clarifies when a **New Lawyer Mentoring Program Mentor** can receive CLE credit, [here](#). Send comments to feedback@osbar.org by **Friday, April 5**.

Oregon Law Help Soft-Launch

OSB and our partners are now testing Oregon Law Help, a new website where low-income Oregonians can find civil legal information and free or affordable legal help. During this soft-launch phase, OSB is collecting user feedback to help make the site the best it can be. View the in-progress site [here](#) and use [this form](#) to share your feedback or suggestions.

Board of Governors Vacancies - File by May 14

Four seats are up for election to the OSB Board of Governors. Relevant forms and information are available [here](#).

Court Approves Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination (SPPE)

On **November 7, 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 [here](#).

Volunteer with the Oregon State Bar

The Board of Governors is now accepting applications for [lawyer](#) and [non-lawyer](#) volunteers interested in serving on a number of bar boards, committees, and councils. Non-lawyer volunteers are asked to submit their interest form by **July 14** and lawyers should apply by **October 2**.

Oregon State Bar Public Meetings

Click [here](#) for notice of upcoming public meetings pursuant to ORS 192.640.

Upcoming Events

April Legal Answers Event at Oregon Law: Volunteer, Mentor, Eat Pizza & Earn CLE Credit!

Oregon Law will host one more spring semester Free Legal Answers event on **Friday, April 12, 12-2pm**. Now is your chance - we have three attorney volunteers, but space for two more.

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](#) and your [November Oregon State Bar Bulletin](#) to learn more. Using a model used by law schools around the country, lawyers at the Oregon Law event will be paired with students to answer 1-2 questions that the lawyer has selected.

Pizza and parking passes will be provided to volunteer attorneys. Contact Jennifer Geller, jgeller@uoregon.



LCBA AWARDS NOMINATIONS

LCBA Awards to be given at the May Spring Bash. Nominations are due by **Monday, April 1st**.

ANDREW CLEMENT PRO BONO AWARD: To honor an individual who has provided exceptional service to persons of limited means

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: To honor an individual who has provided extraordinary service to the legal profession and the people of Lane County

JOSEPH M. KOSYDAR AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM: Established in memory of **Joseph Kosydar**, a long-time Lane County Deputy District Attorney who passed away in 1997. The idea came for the award from the judges who valued Joe's professionalism and civility and who wanted to periodically recognize attorneys in the Bar who exemplify those qualities. It was not the intent of the Judges, however, to limit the award to trial lawyers.



Positions Available

**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.

**Executive Director
Oregon Law’s Career Center**

[Oregon Law Center](#) (OLC) seeks an Executive Director to lead and advance the mission of this highly regarded statewide non-profit civil legal aid organization. Full job posting is available at the end of this issue, or for more information, click here.

Associate Attorney – Business Transactions

Strohman Ford, LLC provides estate planning & administration and business transactions legal services to their clients. We have an immediate opening for a full-time attorney that can work in our Eugene office on business transactions and contract matters. The position would include entity formation, corporate governance, and M&A. Qualified candidates will have at least 2 years of relevant experience and be prepared to work independently. We place a very high value on our office culture as a team and providing our clients with friendly and accessible legal services. We offer competitive salary and benefits. All inquiries will be treated with strict confidentiality. Please contact Kirk Strohman directly at khs@eugene.legal.

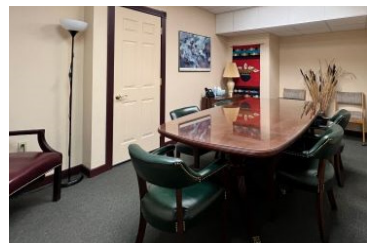
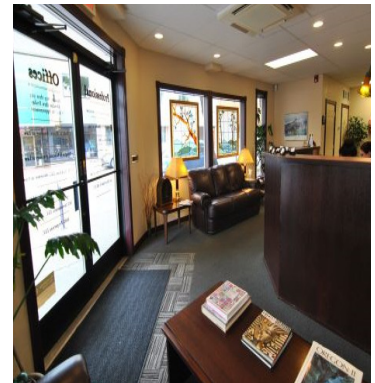
**Rise Law Group - Remote Attorney
No Experience Necessary - Willing to Mentor**

Southern Oregon, female-run litigation law firm is seeking an associate attorney to join our team! This opportunity will give you the experience and exposure you need to build your knowledge and skills. The ideal candidate is organized, diligent, and can work both independently and as part of a team. Comprehensive benefits package. Salary from \$65,000 DOE. Contact admin@riselawgroup.org with a current resume and cover letter for a full job description and consideration.

Office Space Available

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UP TO 10 OFFICES available to lease in friendly, professional environment in downtown Eugene. Office space is perfect for newer or transitioning attorneys. Month-to-month leasing available, furnished or unfurnished option. 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.



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>.

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.

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

- April 1 April Fools' Day
- April 1 LCBA Awards Nominations Due
- April 8 Solar Eclipse
- April 11 LCBA Lunch
The Gordon Hotel
12:00 noon
- April 12 April Free Legal Answers Event
12 noon -2 pm
Oregon Law
- April 15 Tax Day
- April 18 Spring Clothing Drive & CLE
Spaghetti Factory
CLE 4-5 pm
Social Hour, Clothing Drive 5-6:30 pm
- April 22 Earth Day

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BAR NEWS DEADLINE

Bar News

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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. 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.



Oregon Law Center seeks an Executive Director

Oregon Law Center (OLC) seeks an Executive Director to lead and advance the mission of this highly regarded statewide nonprofit civil legal aid organization.

The mission of OLC is to achieve justice for the low-income communities of Oregon by providing a full range of the highest quality civil legal services. In doing so it advances the core values of responsibility to the low-income client community; the right of clients to control decisions about the solutions pursued for their problems; the redress of historic inadequacies in the enforcement of legal rights of poor people; responsiveness to need rather than demand; and access to a full range of services and advocacy tools across the state.

With an annual budget of \$13.4 million, OLC operates eleven offices around the state, with 107 staff members, including 65 attorneys. The statewide administrative office is in Portland. OLC is governed by an eighteen-person Board of Directors, composed of attorneys and client-eligible community members appointed by key players in the community, including the Oregon State Bar and local bar associations. OLC receives funding from legislative allocation, interest on attorney trust accounts, grants from foundations, contracts, and attorney fees paid by other parties. OLC does not receive funding from the federal Legal Services Corporation.

OLC has a litigation support unit, legislative advocacy unit, and statewide farmworker program. OLC works closely with Legal Aid Services of Oregon and other partners in Oregon's statewide civil legal aid delivery system. OLC represents clients in urban and rural communities. OLC's legislative priorities and legal service delivery priorities are set by the Board of Directors and guided by client community-based priority-setting processes.

OLC provides services in the areas of administrative law, including health care, unemployment insurance, food stamps, the Jobs program, public benefits, Social Security and child support; employment law, including wage claims, discrimination claims, family leave, working conditions and safety; family law, including domestic violence; farmworker law, including wage claims, working conditions, housing and health care; the Indigenous Project and its Project Against Workplace Sexual Assault; housing law including fair housing, government subsidized housing, landlord tenant law and issues related to homelessness; and civil rights issues, including race discrimination, immigrants' rights, education issues and fines-and-fees matters.

OLC provides a full range of civil legal services, including: community outreach and education; legal information and referral; brief service from a lawyer in the form of advice or limited action; full representation in a case through the legal process; systemic impact cases that benefit many individuals beyond the individual client; and advocacy for clients' interests in local and regional policy-making bodies, state administrative agencies, and the state legislature.

The successful candidate will join an organization with top-notch staff, including a strong central management team, an engaged Board, deep support within the Oregon State Bar and Oregon State Judiciary, stable financing, as well as excellent relations with state and local governmental and non-governmental organizations thereby maximizing the effectiveness of OLC. OLC staff are diverse, collegial and talented professionals, resolute in their commitment to OLC's mission and to an inclusive and respectful workplace in which differences are acknowledged and valued. The Board is committed to helping the newly-hired candidate marshal the administrative and executive support required to be successful in this challenging but deeply rewarding position.

Minimum Requirements: To be eligible, the candidate must have a JD and a license to practice law in Oregon, or commit to join the Oregon State Bar within a reasonable time. Candidates must also have exhibited an enduring commitment to justice for low-income clients.

Preferred Qualifications: In addition, OLC prefers a candidate with the best possible mix of experience and the demonstrated capacity to add to the candidate's skills once hired with respect to the following fundamental characteristics, skills, capabilities, and expectations:

- Continuously exhibits passionate mission-centric leadership.
- Committed to reinforcing and deepening OLC's emphasis on helping clients whose pursuit of justice is impaired by racism, poverty, or discriminatory practices.
- Committed to reinforcing and deepening OLC's emphasis on creating the respectful, inclusive, and diverse workplace that is best suited to provide service to all of OLC's clients.
- Aptitude for managing a complex budget in an organization fueled by multiple funding sources.
- Effectively and respectfully engaging OLC's essential partners and collaborators, including clients and low-income communities, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, the Campaign for Equal Justice, funders such as the Oregon State Legislature and public interest grantors, and the members and leadership of the Oregon Law Center Workers Union.
- Broad experience in the practice of law, experience with a range of lawyering skills, and knowledge of poverty law across substantive areas.
- Experience managing and supervising the employees of a large organization delivering legal services to clients.
- Consistently exhibits professionalism, integrity, hard work, respect, empathy, humor, intellectual agility, creativity, and calmness

To apply:

For full consideration, applicants must submit application materials on or before April 10, 2024. Submit a letter expressing your interest in the position and your qualifications for the job with reference to each of the specifics described above. Please include any additional information that you feel demonstrates your suitability for the position. Include your resume and the names and contact information for three professional references.

OLC is assisted in its search for an Executive Director by Patricia Pap, Consultant, Management Information Exchange, 508-737-4010, ppap@mielegalaid.org. Your submission must be made electronically to ppap@mielegalaid.org in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Candidates with questions about the position, listed qualifications, or the search process are encouraged to contact her.

At the discretion of the Board's Search Committee, some candidates who submit letters of interest may not be interviewed. The Board's Search Committee plans to conduct a first round of interviews, by zoom, on April 23 and 26. A second round of interviews will be conducted, in person in Portland, on May 3. The full Board will thereafter make the final decision.

OLC is an equal opportunity employer committed to creating an inclusive organization and a healthy work environment for all staff. We strongly encourage people from diverse backgrounds and communities to apply for this job. Many of our employees come from backgrounds that have not always been represented in the legal field or have not been socially or economically privileged. Provided that you meet the Minimum Requirements, we hope you will consider applying even if you don't believe you currently meet every one of the Preferred Qualifications.

Salary depends on experience based on a competitive public interest salary scale. The expected range is \$125,000 to \$150,000. The benefits package includes individual and family health, vision and dental insurance coverage, employer retirement contribution, generous paid holidays, vacation, and sick leave, paid moving expenses and bar study leave, among others, as well as the pleasure of joining a team committed to achieving justice for the low-income communities of Oregon by providing a full range of the highest quality civil legal services.

For more information about OLC, visit www.oregonlawcenter.org.