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## *From the President's Desk*

Greetings. Please see p.10 for a heartfelt welcome article from incoming President Jinoo Hwang titled "*The Forest -AND- The Trees*".

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## *Announcements*

### LCBA BAR NEWS

#### Combined July and August 2024 Edition

As previously announced, this issue of the LCBA Bar News is a combined issue for July and August 2024. We will see you all in September 2024 with a new issue!

Thank you,  
Murray Petitt, Editor  
Katie Nail, Assistant Editor



## *Announcements*

### INTRODUCTION TO LANE COUNTY CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICE

**July 17, 2024 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

Courtroom 302

*Bring your own lunch!*

Lane County Circuit Court is pleased to facilitate a presentation by **Reid Kajikawa**, an experienced criminal trial attorney, for an Introduction to Lane County Criminal Law Practice, including a View from the Bench by the **Honorable Judge Brad Cascagnette**, Lane County's Chief Criminal Judge. New to criminal practice in Lane County? Thinking about taking a court appointed case? Come and learn about scheduling, rules and processes and get some helpful tips and tools for navigating the Lane County criminal dockets. CLE credit will be sought.

This event is the third of a CLE series from the Education Workgroup assigned by **Presiding Judge Jay McAlpin** and headed by **Judge Clara Rigmaiden**. These lectures are intended to bolster interest in criminal defense practice, make it more accessible, and improve trial skills amongst the local bar. Watch for future sessions each month covering specific trial skills (Voir Dire, Objections, Negotiations, etc.) presented by local masters of their craft.

JULY

AUGUST

## Positions Available

### LEGAL ASSISTANT GLEAVES SWEARINGEN LLP

The law firm of **Gleaves Swearingen LLP** seeks a legal assistant to work in the areas of estate planning and probate/trust administration. The position includes some or all of the following responsibilities: (1) opening and maintaining client files; (2) drafting, proofreading, and editing documents; (3) preparing probate and trust administration court filings and calendaring related deadlines; (4) close communication with firm employees; and (5) interacting with clients. Requirements include: (1) strong communication skills; (2) attention to detail and strong organizational skills; (3) proficiency in Microsoft Office; and (4) ability to work collaboratively in a busy office. Please send your cover letter and resume to Candace Chadwick at [chadwick@gleaveslaw.com](mailto:chadwick@gleaveslaw.com).

## Positions Available

### ATTORNEY POSITION THORP PURDY JEWETT URNESS & WILKINSON, P.C.

**Thorp, Purdy, Jewett, Urness & Wilkinson, P.C.**, is a well-established law firm serving the Eugene-Springfield area. We are a full-service civil firm specializing in a variety of practice areas, including: Elder Law, Business, Real Estate, Municipal Law, Civil Litigation, and Family Law. We are seeking an attorney to initially have a general practice in the areas outlined above. We offer a collegial atmosphere, strong mentorship, excellent support staff, and the opportunity for immediate client contact. Qualified candidates must have strong organizational skills, including the ability to successfully manage a high-volume workload and the ability to work well as a team, including with legal assistants and paralegals. The ideal candidate will have strong academic credentials, excellent legal writing and analytical skills, enthusiastic professional references, and the ability to be a self-starter. We will consider candidates for a full-time associate attorney position or a full or part-time staff attorney position. Experience is not required but preferred. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package, commensurate with experience, as well as a strong focus on work-life balance. Oregon State Bar admission is preferred, but not required upon application. Please send cover letter, writing sample and transcript (unofficial is okay) to: **Julia Belcher**, Administrator, Thorp Purdy Jewett Urness & Wilkinson, P.C., 1011 Harlow Road, Suite 300, Springfield OR 97477 or via email to [jbelcher@thorp-purdy.com](mailto:jbelcher@thorp-purdy.com).

## Announcements

### SAVE THE DATE O'CONNELL CONFERENCE & CLE

Cases of Consequence: 2023-24 SCOTUS Term  
**Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 5:00 PM**  
Lunch Available 12:30 – 1:00 PM  
Knight Law Center, 175 & Online  
Information and registration available on Oregon Law website in mid-July.  
Free of charge, but registration requested for in-person attendees.





## Announcements

### REWARDING & (RELATIVELY) EASY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY CO-COORDINATOR OF MONTHLY CLINIC AT SPONSORS, INC.

We need a local lawyer's help! For over a decade, Oregon Law staff has worked with **Sponsors, Inc.** to provide a monthly two hour clinic for men and women recently released from incarceration. This limited-scope clinic provides clients helpful information about the legal issues they face and is staffed with 1-2 attorneys and 1-2 law students. Sponsors staff would like to see the clinic continue into the future, which will require consistent attorney staffing. Oregon Law's Pro Bono Coordinator is seeking a local lawyer to coordinate attorney volunteers, while she continues to identify and prepare students to volunteer. Email Jennifer Geller, [jgeller@uoregon.edu](mailto:jgeller@uoregon.edu), if you would like more information.



## Announcements

### 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHIEF JUSTICE MARTHA WALTERS AWARD

Lane County Women Lawyers is accepting nominations for the 6th Annual Chief Justice Martha Walters Award to be presented on **Friday, November 15, 2024**, at The Gordon Hotel in Eugene. The Award recognizes a Lane County attorney who has demonstrated leadership in the pursuit of equal justice for all. Nominations may be made by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K8BXHB2> and are open through **July 31, 2024**. The 2024 event 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. If you have any questions about this year's program, please contact [lanecountywomenlawyers@gmail.com](mailto:lanecountywomenlawyers@gmail.com).

## Announcements

### OREGON LAW FREE LEGAL ANSWERS CLINICS VOLUNTEER, MENTOR, EAT PIZZA, AND EARN CLE CREDIT!

Back by popular demand! Oregon Law will host three Free Legal Answers Clinics this fall on Fridays, from 12:00-2:00 PM, on **September 20, October 18, and November 8**. We will need 3-4 volunteer attorneys for each month for this program, which was well-received by lawyers and students when it was launched last spring.

Free Legal Answers allows lawyers to select questions to answer that have been submitted to a platform managed by the Oregon State Bar Association. The ABA provides liability coverage, and the work is eligible for CLE credit. Visit [OSB's Free Legal Answers webpage](#) to learn more. Each lawyer at the Oregon Law event will be paired with a small group of 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.edu](mailto:jgeller@uoregon.edu), to sign up or for more information.





## Announcements from the Oregon State Bar

### Real Estate and Land Use Conference 2024

Co-sponsored by the Real Estate and Land Use section, this year's conference will take place at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA, from **Thursday, August 8 through Saturday, August 10, 2024**. For more information, please [click here](#).

### OJD Access and Fairness Survey

As part of the Oregon Judicial Department's Justice Campaign, the court is conducting an Access and Fairness survey of court users. The survey is available online and through courthouses in all 36 counties through **June 30**.

### 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 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.

### Oregon State Bar Public Meetings

Click [here](#) for notice of upcoming public meetings pursuant to ORS 192.640. To confirm a meeting, call the OSB Center at (503) 620-0222.

## Announcements

### LANE COUNTY FAMILY LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Are you a family law attorney interested in representing children in family law cases? The Lane County Family Law Advisory Counsel and the Lane County bench are looking for attorneys to add to the court appointed list. If you would like to be added, or if you have questions, please contact **Morgan Diment** at [morgan@dwlawoffice.com](mailto:morgan@dwlawoffice.com).



## Announcements

### OFFICIAL COURT CLOSURE ON OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

**Chief Justice Flynn** has signed an order closing all Circuit Courts on **Tuesday 10/8/2024**. The official closure tolls all statutory timelines. The closure is to accommodate an update of the court's case management system and to provide an opportunity for staff training. On 10/8, staff will report to work but (like a weekend) the court will not be open to the public, we will not hold proceedings, accept filings, or be available for communication via phone or email. Also like a weekend, the pretrial release office will have minimal staffing and will make release decisions.

Regards,  
Liz Rambo, Trial Court Administrator  
Lane County Circuit Court



## 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

**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 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](mailto: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](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 [sdspi@yahoo.com](mailto:sdspi@yahoo.com) for details.

## Office Space Available

### SPRINGFIELD LAW OFFICE AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Springfield law office available for rent in a fully equipped and staffed building. There is room for an attorney and staff in separate offices, and the ideal attorney would be interested in overflow work in rights restoration and criminal defense areas of practice. This is a stand-alone building in a pretty setting in Island Park with easy access and parking. Contact **Jesse Lohrke** at 541-357-6788 or [Jesse@lohrkelaw.com](mailto:Jesse@lohrkelaw.com).





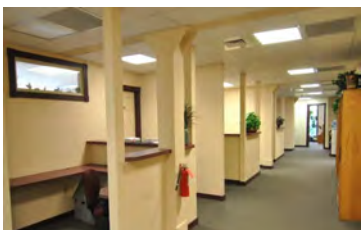
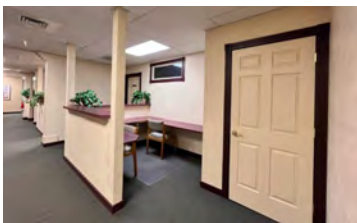
### Office Space Available

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OFFICES IN DOWNTOWN EUGENE AVAILABLE NOW!

CALL FOR MOVE-IN SPECIAL

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, and federal courthouses, jail, city/county offices, and 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](mailto:aseligson@scslaw.org).



### Office Space Available

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.



# EVENTS

## Upcoming Events

July 4	Independence Day
July 17	Introduction to Lane Co. Criminal Law Practice CLE
July 31	Nomination Deadline for Chief Justice Martha Walters Award
August 15	Eugene Emeralds Picnic
September 6	O'Connell Conference & CLE
September 20	Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinic
October 8	All Circuit Courts Closed
October 18	Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinic
November 8	Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinic
November 15	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chief Justice Martha Walters Award

## 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 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. 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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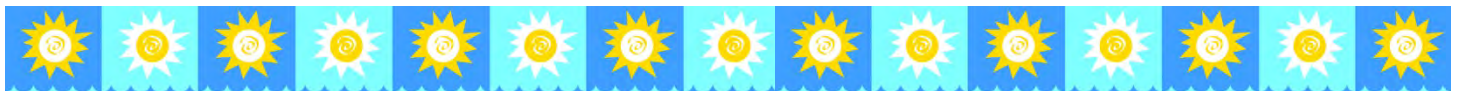
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Order Closing the Supreme Court,	)	CHIEF JUSTICE ORDER
Court of Appeals, Tax Court, and	)	No. 24-015
Circuit Courts, and Extending	)	
Statutory Time Limitations, Due to	)	ORDER CLOSING SUPREME COURT,
Case Management System	)	COURT OF APPEALS, TAX COURT, AND
Upgrade and Statewide Training	)	CIRCUIT COURTS, AND EXTENDING
	)	STATUTORY TIME LIMITATIONS, DUE
	)	TO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
	)	UPGRADE AND STATEWIDE TRAINING

I issue this ORDER pursuant to ORS 1.060(3), including extensions of statutory time limitations pursuant to ORS 174.120(2)(c), due to the following:

1. The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) will be upgrading its case management system for the Tax Court and all circuit courts, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on October 4, 2024, and continuing until 8:00 a.m. on October 7, 2024.
2. On October 8, 2024, staff in the Tax Court and the circuit courts will be focused on addressing any issues that arise as a result of the upgrade, and the circuit courts will be preparing dockets for the remainder of the week.
3. Also on October 8, 2024, staff in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, and the circuit courts will be participating in both statewide training programs and other local training.
4. A statewide court closure is necessary to ensure a smooth case management system upgrade transition and to provide the opportunity for statewide and other system trainings.
5. Electronic filing through File & Serve will remain available during the upgrade.


I therefore ORDER as follows:

1. The Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Tax Court, and all circuit courts will be closed on October 8, 2024, within the meaning of ORS 1.060(3) and ORS 174.120(2)(c), for the purposes of filing documents, staffing public counters, and answering phones and email inquiries.
2. All Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, and circuit court facilities will be closed to the public on October 8, 2024.
3. This order documents the effect that the closure described in paragraph 1 has on any statutory time limitation that applies to any filing on October 8, 2024.



4. The closure described in paragraph 1 is not a closure for any employees of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Appellate Court Services Division, the Tax Court, or the circuit courts.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2024.



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Meagan A. Flynn  
Chief Justice

## *From the President's Desk*

### THE FOREST -AND- THE TREES

*Jinoo Hwang*

**Origins.** Historically, my 1<sup>st</sup> predecessor served 85 years ago. In 1976, the LCBA formally registered our non-profit as a 501(c)(6) (*aka* “Business Association”). Applying IRS regulatory language, the LCBA—acting through our *Board of Directors*—exists to: (1) steward annual dues in ways -THAT- (2) improve business conditions for our members -AND- (3) advance the interests of our community. Like each unique fir tree which surrounds us, we are an associated professional genus rooted in common soil.

**Another Brick In The Wall.** In 2020, a yet unknown colleague nominated me to the LCBA board. Initially, my orientation was to apply whatever I may have gleaned from my 30 years in business for the good of the order. *Sic transit gloria mundi.* As President (*aka* “Facilitator”) I am grateful for how LCBA service work has matured my understanding about benevolent institutional *stewardship*. On rare occasion, I catch a glimpse of the LCBA within a much broader arc: the next 85 years. To bottle up such meta perspective would be a fine thing. Nonetheless, it is fascinating to experience, if only in transitory form.

**Goals.** Out of respect for the generations of *Lane County* attorneys both before -AND- ahead, I have thought carefully about *how* the LCBA board can produce long-term benefit, ideally in perpetuity. First, we will continue developing systems that continually *curate* our institutional knowledge. Second—amidst unprecedented isolation, tribalism & social disconnect—we will have a steady eye towards developing best practices that foster member engagement. In my humble opinion, this represents the most formidable challenge we face.

However, if members can count on the LCBA to create consistently reliable conditions (e.g. synthesizing both timeless + modern best practices), I suspect many members might be willing to “*show up*” to proverbially swim upstream, together. I am reminded that lasting progress—to be enduring—will require many small steps. Undoubtedly, the LCBA will continue to benefit from healthy dose of institutional grit.

**The Profession.** As an attorney who also operates in the daily practice of law, I often overlook the high calling—collectively as *Legal Beagles*—we serve in our community. People’s lives, families, children, legacies, even liberty itself are entrusted to our professional care. In moments of pause, this can be a humbling reality. How can the LCBA equip attorneys for their finest hour?

**LCBA Role.** The LCBA continues to enjoy ripe opportunity to equip members with: (1) Education (“IQ”) (2) Collegiality (“EQ” + “SQ”) -AND- (3) the host of other intangible resources that naturally flow, therefrom. Being in professional service to others, the ultimate beneficiaries of our trade are the countless people who stand to profit from wise, circumspect, emotionally-intelligent legal counsel.

**Small Steps.** With the foregoing in my heart & mind, I now turn my focus to the individual board members I get to work with, as we roll up sleeves together for the greater good. The small unglamorous steps we take together as a board (≤ July 2025) fall under a broad arc of engagement. For now, most engagement will occur behind-the-scenes...from the *Inside* → *Out*.

- **Inside Engagement.** First, the LCBA continues to have plenty of internal housecleaning to complete. Mainly, I helped restructure the LCBA for board members to plug into specific work committees designed to actively refine & build upon the *remodeling* work which preceded, including the following small steps...

*[see next page]*

## *From the President's Desk*

- **2020-21:** As a new *LCBA Board Member*, the Board unanimously approved my initiative to create an *LCBA Records Modernization Committee* to convert ten(10) bankers boxes of records—which had been shuttled between officers annually for years—into scanned PDF format, consolidating them with critical records from prior officers, ultimately storing mission-critical docs in a centralized permanent cloud archive.
- **2022:** As *LCBA Treasurer*, I formed an *LCBA Financial Modernization Committee* to switch to a local bank with more favorable terms, obtain an LCBA credit card to streamline payment of monthly recurring expenses (e.g. autopay), install a credit card processing system, hire a replacement tech-savvy bookkeeper -AND- converted to cloud-based *QuickBooks Online* (QBO) financial records system.
- **2023:** As *LCBA President Elect*, I merged the foregoing into a standing work group called the *LCBA Modernization Committee* to continue development of our digital archives, install a new email system with automated sorting, integrate our membership database into our website (Forever Savings: \$275/month), create new task-based committees including the *LCBA Onboarding Committee* to create welcome materials for new board members + officer job descriptions, together with my predecessor Felipe Alonso established an *LCBA Annual Orientation Meeting*; facilitated transition to a new tech-savvy web administrator to help develop & implement standard operating procedure for our email list serve communications, doc storage + host of other technological innovations in coming years.
- **2024-25:** As *LCBA President*, board housekeeping will continue to occur *via* updated work committees to report back monthly to the board with progress, issues -AND- next steps. Separately, I recently learned that, *circa* 2000, a long-term planning committee generated a 20yr strategic plan (*cf.* 100-300yr Business Plans in Asia). Consistent with the aspiration that our board can make lasting impacts, I have a keen interest to gain traction towards reconvening such a long-term planning committee—with the heft of experienced tribal elders—whose report could serve to synchronize the efforts of decades of *LCBA Boards of Directors* to come. For now though, we have plenty of basic housekeeping to do -AND- will continue sowing seeds that fulfill our basic charter to create opportunities for Outward Engagement.
- Outward Engagement: Second, building upon a cemented culture of internal engagement around organizing house, the theory is that volunteer time will free-up to focus on creating innovative ways to foster outward member engagement. By way of skeletal preview only—*pro forma*—for example:
  - **Colleagues** (e.g. LCBA creates events where attorneys can get to know -AND- possibly even like those in other practice areas, entrust cases / referrals to, share other vital professional resources, develop rapport & collegiality)
  - **Local** (e.g. LCBA creates opportunities for *pro bono* work via Lane County Circuit Court, Legal Aid, UO Clinics; volunteer service work *via* LCBA Sections, Committees; Thanksgiving sponsorship of modest-means families; other collabs with OSB New Lawyer Division / UO Law to mentor, intern, invites to local CLEs)
  - **State** (e.g. LCBA notifies -AND/OR- peer network yield natural opportunity to nominate our local colleagues to state, regional & national boards + committees + service positions to represent Lane County's best & finest)

*[see next page]*



### *From the President's Desk*

**Promising Energy.** As a mere facilitator of whatever our board makes happen this year, I can only hope to serve as well as I should. Having met individually with each member of our current *Board of Directors*, I can fairly say the potential energy is contagious. The collegiality is promising. Wish us well as we strive to make lasting impact on our 85-year-strong *Lane County Bar Association*.

**Open Invite.** If this article either: (1) prompts any ideas, suggestions or *Gray Eminence* you are willing to share -OR- (2) you want to lend a helping hand, I personally invite you to email your comments to me at [President@LaneCountyBar.org](mailto:President@LaneCountyBar.org).

Have a wonderful summer!

In service,

Jinoo Hwang • 2024-25 President  
*Lane County Bar Association*

