

Volunteer Judges Needed for Mock Trial Competition

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 22, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

The competition is looking for volunteers for both Presiding and Scoring Judges for three rounds. Volunteers may judge any or all the rounds.

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 the students' performances and may be filled by anyone (a legal background helpful, but not necessary).



To Volunteer, please:

- (1) Contact Judge Vogt's clerk, **Courtney Burns**, at Courtney.a.burns@ojd.state.or.us, OR
- (2) Complete the Volunteer Judge Application online at [the Civics Learning Project Mock Trial Judge event page](#).

You will need to create an account to register.

The estimated times of the three rounds can be found on the CLP Eugene Event Registration page linked above.

If you have any questions, please contact [Courtney Burns](#).



Announcements

CHANGES TO THE LCBA PROBATE & ESTATE SECTION'S CLE EVENT CALENDAR

The LCBA Estate Section is pleased to continue our monthly CLEs this **January 23rd** with our newly assigned **2025 Probate Judge, Hon. Debra E. Velure**. Judge Velure herself was a member of the LCBA Probate and Estate Committee before becoming one of our Circuit Court Judges. The Estate Section thanks **Judge R. Curtis Conover** and our hardworking Probate Commissioner, **Angie Jones**, for keeping Lane County Probate as the envy of practitioners in other Oregon counties.

PLEASE NOTE: Our January 14, 2025, CLE, has been rescheduled to **Thursday, January 23, 2025**, in **Courtroom 408**.

In order to allow enough time for our speakers, it will begin at noon and continue through 1:15 p.m. - that's an extra 15 minutes.

Details are as follows:

"New and Old Ways to Minimize Capital Gains Tax"

Speakers: **Joseph Lewis, CPA, JD**
Glenn Munro, CPA
ISLER CPAs

(1.25 MCLE Credits will be applied for)

For more information about upcoming CLEs, look for the updated extended calendar on page 10 of this newsletter.

Announcements from the Oregon State Bar

Out of State Members: New Licensure Rule Effective 1/1/25

If your principal office is located outside Oregon, and you engage in the private practice of law in Oregon, new OSB Rule of Licensure 5.3 effective January 1, 2025, requires you to maintain malpractice coverage substantially equivalent to PLF primary coverage, unless otherwise exempt. See the Rules of Licensure here.

OSB Seeks Comment on Proposed Rules Changes

The Oregon State Bar seeks public and member comment on proposed changes to the Rules of Licensure related to the MCLE credit for service as a bar examiner and New Lawyer Mentoring Program Participation for attorneys who practice in Oregon but have a primary office out of state. Both changes were recently approved by the bar's MCLE Committee. Please send your comments to feedback@osbar.org by Wednesday, January 15, 2025, and identify the subject of your comments in the subject line.

Oregon State Bar Public Meetings

Click here for notice of upcoming public meetings pursuant to ORS 192.640. Please note that meetings are subject to change or cancellation, and may be amended during the course of the month. To confirm a meeting, call the OSB Center at (503) 620-0222.

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.



"Guilty, New Year's resolution notwithstanding."

Other Upcoming Events & CLE

30th Annual OLSPIF Gala February 7, 2025

*Beyond the Emerald Gates
Empowering Hearts, Minds,
and Courageous Voices in Public Service*

5 p.m., UO EMU Ballroom
Dinner, Auction, Friends & Fun
Online Silent Auction, **February 6-13th**

See [Oregon Law OLSPIF page](#)
for event registration.

LCBA Family and Juvenile Law Section

The LCBA Family and Juvenile Law Section presents the following two FREE lunch hour presentations in January and February:

1. Discovery and Pretrial Family Law Matters (with a preview of the new child attorney SLR!)

When: **Thursday, January 9, 2025**,
from 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

Presenters: **Brad Litchfield &
Morgan Diment**

Where: Lane County Circuit Court
Courtroom 303

2. Representing Family Law Clients and Navigating the Court's Expectations

When: **Thursday, February 6, 2025**,
from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Presenters: **Hon. Karrie McIntyre &
Sara Angeletti**

Where: Lane County Circuit Court,
Courtroom 303

No registration necessary. Please feel free to bring your lunch. CLE credits will be applied for.



Oregon Law Spring Semester Free Legal Answers Clinics:

February 14, March 14, and April 18!

*Volunteer, Mentor, Eat Pizza,
& Earn CLE Credit!*

Oregon Law will host three Free Legal Answers Clinics in the spring on **Fridays, 12-2 p.m.** We will need 3-4 volunteer attorneys for each month for this program.

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](#) to sign up or for more information.

Derrick Bell Lecture

Thursday, February 20, 2025
5:30 p.m., Knight Law Center 110

Loyola Law School Professor,
Kimberly West-Faulcon

*The SFAA v. Harvard
Trojan Horse Admissions Lawsuit*

Consumer Law CLE

Join the **University of Oregon's Consumer Protection Research Grant Program** for this year's **Consumer Law CLE**. This CLE will feature a robust discussion of the private and public enforcement mechanisms under Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act (UTPA) and the practical and tactical considerations that Oregon's Department of Justice and private attorneys representing both plaintiffs and defendants in consumer class actions must think about in developing, litigating, and resolving consumer cases. On the public side, we'll cover questions about DOJ's consumer protection enforcement priorities, considerations important to DOJ and businesses in litigating and resolving public enforcement actions, and how DOJ receives and reviews Oregon consumer complaints. On the private enforcement side, we'll cover practical considerations in case and class representative selection, common issues at class certification, and what to think about when defending and resolving private class action cases.

There is no cost to attend. **Registration is required by January 3, 2025.** The event will take place at **Stoel Rives** in downtown Portland. A complimentary lunch will be provided for those appearing in-person. Remote attendance will be available. That link will be emailed to those who register for an online appearance.

CLE credit is pending. The University of Oregon staff will use the registration to gather CLE reporting details for those attending.

Monday, January 13th / 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Stoel Rives LLP | 760 SW 9th Ave. #3000, Portland, OR 97205



**Justice
Thomas Balmer**



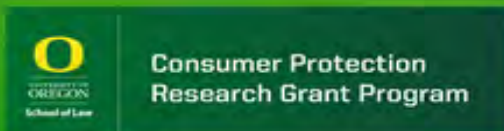
**Nadia Dahab
Sugerman Dahab**



**Tom Johnson
Stoel Rives**



**Kelly Harpster
Oregon DOJ**



Register by 1/3/25
credit pending

AGENDA:

11:30 a.m. | Doors open

12:00–1:30 | Panel discussion (including Q&A)

Panel Moderator: **Justice Thomas Balmer**, Retired Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court

Panelists: **Nadia Dahab**, Partner, **Sugerman Dahab**, **Tom Johnson**, Partner, **Stoel Rives**, **Kelly Harpster**, Attorney-in-Charge Financial Fraud/Consumer, Oregon Department of Justice

Please reach out to [Melissa Panter](mailto:mpanter@uoregon.edu), Program Manager for Consumer Protection Research Grant, University of Oregon School of Law, (541) 346-3830, mpanter@uoregon.edu, or consumergrant@uoregon.edu, with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Job Announcement

Principal Attorney



- Closes 17-Jan-2025 (PST)
- Eugene, OR, USA
- \$9,059-\$12,346 per month As a public agency with 10-step salary ranges, candidates who are hired generally start at the first step of the range for that position. For people with exceptional experience and qualifications, that may be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis potentially to start at a higher step.
- Salary
- Full Time
- Medical, Dental, Vision, Life, Retirement, Holidays, Vacation, and Sick Leave

ABOUT US

Founded in 1945, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) is one of the oldest councils of governments. Overseen by a Board of Directors, we strive to enhance public services in Lane County and beyond. This collaborative journey includes partnerships with local governments and special districts in the fields of GIS Planning, Personnel Management, Transportation, and Senior and Disability Services. Located in the heart of Eugene, we are home to a thriving university, diverse nightlife, and access to ample recreational opportunities, from the sea to the mountains.

LCOG is committed to a work environment that values the cultural, educational, and life experiences of each employee. We believe that a diverse workforce enables us to deliver culturally competent services to all members of our community. As part of our commitment to diversity, LCOG continues to be an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

We are most interested in finding the best candidate for the job, and that candidate may be one who comes with relevant transferable skills from a variety of sources and experiences. If you are interested in applying, we encourage you to think broadly about your background and skill set for the role.

POSITION SUMMARY

- **DIVISION:** Government Services / Legal Services
- **SUPERVISOR:** Government Services Division Director
- **UNION REPRESENTATION:** Not represented
- **POSITION PURPOSE:** This position provides professional general legal services for LCOG and LCOG clients. Prepares legal documents, renders legal opinions, and represents LCOG and LCOG clients in civil proceedings. Serves as a hearings official on land use matters and other administrative matters for local and state agencies. Does related work as required, including but not limited to land use, telecommunications law, contracting, risk management, public sector labor law, and general issues related to Oregon municipal and public sector law.

Principal Attorney



QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum

- Graduation from an accredited law school
- Significant and progressively responsible experience in public sector/municipal law.
- Any combination of education and experience that provides the applicant with the knowledge, skills, and ability required to perform the job.
- Licensed to practice law in the State of Oregon.

Preferred

- Five years of experience with land use, tax law, telecommunications, contracting, risk management, and/or public sector labor law.

Professional Competencies

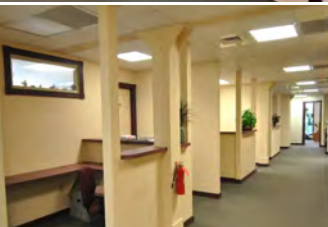
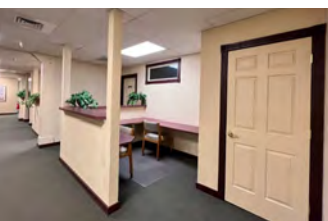
- **ATTENTION TO DETAILS:** Ability to accurately complete detailed work in a fast-paced environment.
- **DECISION MAKING:** Ability to make decisions and elicit pertinent information relevant to your position.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- **PROBLEM SOLVING:** Ability to think creatively and respond to a changing environment.
- **EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION SKILLS:** Organizes and maintains work environment.
- **TIME MANAGEMENT:** Uses time effectively.
- **COLLABORATION:** Must work well in collaborative teams within LCOG and with external and intergovernmental partners
- **ADAPTABILITY:** Must be adaptive and work well within a range of team and leadership frameworks.
- **RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE:** Commitment to working effectively with people from diverse backgrounds, in support of an inclusive and respectful environment.

To apply, please visit our career page at [Job Openings | Lane Council of Governments LCOG](#) OR.

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.



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 of Island Park with easy access and parking. Contact **Jesse Lohrke** at (541) 357-6788 or jesse@lohrkelaw.com.



Services Offered

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:sdspis@yahoo.com) for details.



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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.

COURT-APPOINTED SUPERVISION SERVICE



Case Visitations' mission is to create safe and supportive environments for families, ensuring healthy interactions between parents and children, while adhering to all legal requirements. Our certified supervision experts are available to work with all family needs. Case Visitations is proud to offer supervised visitation and monitored exchanges 7 days a week, including evening and holidays.



EUGENE WEEKLY

Eugene Weekly is back in business and publishing legal notices again. We offer a lower cost and a higher circulation than other local papers. Publishing in the Weekly is a great way to fill the requirements for your legal notices, and to save some money at the same time. Call 541-484-0519, or email Classy@EugeneWeekly.com for more information. (Eugene Weekly is a newspaper of general circulation as defined in ORS 193.010 and 193.020).



Upcoming Events

January 01	New Year's Day
January 09	CLE: "Discovery and Pretrial Law Matters"
January 13	CLE: Consumer Law (Stoel Rives in Portland) *Registration required by Jan. 3
January 23	CLE: "New and Old Ways to Minimize Capital Gains Tax"
February 06	CLE: "Representing Family Law Clients and Navigating the Court's Expectations"
February 07	OLSPIF GALA *Online Auction is Feb 6-13
February 11	CLE: "Firearms in Guardianships, Conservatorships, Probate and Trust Administration"
February 14	Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinic
February 20	Derrick Bell Lecture
February 22	Southern Willamette Valley Regional High School Mock Trial Competition

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LANE COUNTY PROBATE & ESTATE SECTION CLEs
2025

PROPOSED

Updated: December 20, 2024

DATE	TOPIC / SPEAKER
<p><u>January 23, 2025</u> <u>Thursday</u> noon – 1:15p.m.</p> <p><u>NOTICE DATE</u> <u>CHANGED!</u></p>	<p align="center">“New and Old Ways to Minimize Capital Gains Tax”</p> <p align="center">Joseph Lewis, CPA, JD Speaker: Glenn Munro, CPA ISLER CPAs</p>
<p>February 11, 2025 Tuesday noon</p>	<p align="center">“Firearms in Guardianships, Conservatorships, Probate and Trust Administration”</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Brian M. Thompson, Probate, Estate & Protective Proceedings Attorney</p>
<p>March 11, 2025 B Tuesday - noon</p>	<p align="center">“Medicaid Estate Recovery Post Hobart”</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Alexander Roome, DHS Estate Administration Unit</p>
<p>April 15, 2025 B Tuesday noon</p>	<p align="center">“Removing Fiduciaries and Best Practices”</p> <p align="center">Speakers: Murray Petitt, Maura Roberts, Thorp Purdy</p>
<p>May 13, 2025 B Tuesday noon</p>	<p align="center">“Business Interests in Estates Planning & Administration” Speaker: TBD</p>
<p>June 17, 2025 B Tuesday noon</p>	<p align="center">“A View From the Bench – Probate 2025” Speaker: Hon. Debra E. Velure</p>

JANUARY FREE CLE
BARGAINING IN THE SHADOW OF TRIAL
Wednesday, January 15, 2025 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Lane County Circuit Court, Courtroom 304

Lane County Circuit Court is pleased to facilitate a presentation by **BROOK REINHARD**, a private criminal defense attorney practicing statewide after 15 years as a public defender, including a View from the Bench by the **Honorable DEBRA VOGT**, Lane County Judge. Bring your own lunch!

The vast majority of state and federal criminal convictions—more than 95 percent—come not from a one-word verdict after a public trial, but rather after a closed negotiation process ending in a guilty plea. As the Supreme Court has stated, plea bargaining “is not some adjunct to the criminal justice system; it *is* the criminal justice system.” In other words, practicing criminal law means practicing plea bargaining (or winning all your trials).

In this continuing education session, the Lane County Circuit Court is pleased to facilitate a presentation. Brook will be sharing how the framework of plea bargaining has become the backdrop to our criminal punishment system, offer a brief overview on criminal negotiation for newer practitioners, and share some negotiation strategies that can be used in any criminal case, including how to use the bargaining process to build better client relationships.

Brook spent the last 8 years as Executive Director of Public Defender Services of Lane County, before stepping down in October to open his own law firm, Reinhard Law, where he protects the rights of Oregonians in criminal cases. Brook is an adjunct professor at the University of Oregon School of Law and Willamette University School of Law. He is also a member of the Oregon Public Defense Commission and the Oregon State Bar Criminal Law Executive Committee. He has been a journalist, professional gambler, ballroom dance instructor, door-to-door knife salesman, and even a prosecutor (during law school, where he couldn’t do much damage). He and his wife Valerie have a small army of children and farm animals and live in Springfield.

Practical Skills CLE credit will be sought.

Please RSVP by January 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. via email to Honorable Clara Rigmaiden clara.l.rigmaiden@ojd.state.or.us

Maximum capacity is 70 attendees. Secure your spot early.

This event is a continuation of the free 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 indigent criminal defense, make it more accessible, and improve trial skills amongst the local bar. Watch for future sessions each month covering specific trial skills presented by local masters of their craft.