



LCBA DEI COMMITTEE

Interested in diversity, equity, and inclusion work? The LCBA DEI Committee meets the second Monday of every month on Zoom. We are always looking for members to bring new ideas and energy to the committee. If you have questions or want more details, please reach out to **Felipe Alonso** at falonso@uoregon.edu or 541-346-3809.



PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARBITRATION FEES

The Lane County Circuit Court Arbitration Commission is seeking input from local bar members about proposed changes to the arbitration fee structure. The fees for mandatory court-connected arbitration in Lane County have not been increased in over 10 years and are lower than those adopted in like-sized metro counties. The Commission recommends that the hourly rate for arbitration be increased from \$150 to \$200, the deposit can be increased from \$300 to \$400 per party, and the hourly cap can be increased from 4 to 8 hours to accommodate complex cases. The proposed rates are comparable to current arbitration rates in comparable counties. If you would like to comment on this proposal, please email Liz Rambo, Trial Court Administrator at elizabeth.rambo@ojd.state.or.us by April 15.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

OWLS' ROAD TO THE BENCH

On March 6, 2025, at the Old Spaghetti Factory, Oregon Women Lawyers and Lane County Women Lawyers "OWLS" will present "Road to the Bench," a free event featuring a panel of Judges who will share their unique paths to the bench. Guests are encouraged to mix and mingle with the panel members before and after the panel as well. Complimentary appetizers and no-host bar also provided. Please see the flyer on page 6 of this newsletter for full details, or [RSVP for the event here](#).



LCBA FAMILY & JUVENILE LAW SECTION LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Family & Juvenile Law Section hosts CLEs and participates in the Lane County Family Law Advisory Committee. The current chair, **Kasia Mlynski**, is hoping to expand the leadership team to support this section's work. Any family or juvenile law attorneys interested in this opportunity should email Kasia at kmlynski@oregonlawcenter.org.



Attorney General to Visit UO Law School April 9th

Oregon Attorney General **Dan Rayfield** will visit **Room 142** at the University of Oregon School of Law on **April 9th** from **12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**, to introduce himself and discuss his priorities as Attorney General.

The local bar association is invited to attend.



Announcements from the Oregon State Bar

[Board of Governors Election - File by May 13](#)

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

[Filing Deadline for ABA and OSB](#)

[House of Delegates Candidates - March 7](#)

The Oregon State Bar is currently seeking candidates interested in serving on the ABA and OSB House of Delegates. There are two open seats for the ABA HOD and openings in six voting regions for the OSB HOD, including the out of state region. More information and the relevant forms are available [here](#).

[OSB Seeks Comment on Proposed CSF Rules Changes](#)

The Oregon State Bar seeks member and public feedback on [proposed updates](#) to the Client Security Fund (CSF) Rules. The changes add licensed paralegals (LPs) to the CSF Rules, and make some non-substantive changes to the structure of the ruleset. Please send comments to feedback@osbar.org by Monday, March 31, 2025, and include "CSF Rules" in the subject line.

[Proposed UTCR Changes](#)

The UTCR Committee is seeking public comment on several proposed changes to the Uniform Trial Court Rules. A description of the proposals, and instructions for how to submit comments, can be found [here](#).

[Out of State Members: New Licensure Rule](#)

[Effective 1/1/25](#)

If your principal office is 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.

[2025 OSB Awards Nominations](#)

The nomination deadline for this year's OSB awards and the Edwin J. Peterson Professionalism Award is Tuesday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m. Nomination forms and instructions [are available here](#). Award recipients will be honored at the Celebrating Oregon Lawyers event on Wednesday, October 22 in Portland. Event details will be posted as they become available. Event sponsorship opportunities are also available. If you have questions about the nomination process, sponsorship opportunities or the event, please contact Cathy Petrecca at cpetrecca@osbar.org or (503) 620-0222.

Welcoming

Arnold Gallagher P.C. is pleased to announce that **Robert May** has joined the firm as Of Counsel. Prior to joining the firm, Rob practiced in Portland, OR. An active trial attorney, Rob has taken dozens of civil cases to verdict in the state and federal courts of Oregon and Washington. He has also served as counsel for several Oregon colleges and universities and spent several years as a guest lecturer at Willamette University College of Law. Rob's practice will focus on civil litigation, torts and commercial matters, as well as insurance defense.



Events

Oregon Law March 14 Free Legal Answers Clinic

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

Oregon Law still has volunteer spots open for its March and April Free Legal Answers clinics. Spend two hours working with a small group of students while helping low-income Oregonians.

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 are provided to volunteer attorneys. Contact [Jennifer Geller](#) to sign up or for more information.

LCBA Family and Juvenile Law Section March 19 CLE

**“Representing Family Law Clients and
Navigating the Court’s Expectations”**

When: **Wednesday, March 19, 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 own lunch. CLE credits will be applied for.



MARCH FREE CLE**FELONY SENTENCING IN OREGON:**

**“A Roadmap through the sentencing guidelines,
administrative rules, and other sticky situations”**

When: **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**
from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Lane County Circuit Court,
Courtroom 304

Lane County Circuit Court is pleased to facilitate a presentation on navigating the Felony Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory sentencing considerations by **Reid Kajikawa**, the Director of Training at the **Public Defender Services of Lane County**. Having an understanding of what the rules are and why they exist - as well as how others use these rules - is one of the most important pieces of advice that an attorney can give their client so that they can understand the potential outcomes and the pathways that lead to those outcomes. The presentation will include *A View from the Bench* by the **Honorable Stephen Morgan**, Lane County Circuit Court Judge. Bring your own lunch - how often do you get to eat in a courtroom?

Practical Skills CLE credit will be sought. **Please RSVP by March 17th, at 5:00 p.m.**, via email to **Judge Clara Rigmaiden**, clara.l.rigmaiden@ojd.state.or.us.

Maximum capacity is 70 attendees, and we were approaching over-capacity last time. Secure your spot early.

Reid Kajikawa is the Director of Training at the Public Defender Services of Lane County and serves as supervising attorney for the **University of Oregon School of Law’s Criminal Defense Clinic**. Reid has been involved in Public Defense in Oregon since 2005, working in Pendleton and Bend, and has extensive trial work in both adult and juvenile matters.

Reid is committed to educating students and lawyers, and is a member of the Education Committee of the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Association. In addition to his work with the Clinic, Reid has presented at OCDLA conferences on the topics of juvenile restitution, legislative changes to restitution statutes, and discovery.

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 the craft.

Probate & Estate CLEs



LANE COUNTY PROBATE & ESTATE SECTION CLEs
2025



Updated: February 17, 2025



DATE	TOPIC / SPEAKER
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 12 p.m.	CANCELLED
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 12 p.m. Courtroom 408	“Removing Fiduciaries and Best Practices” Speakers: Murray Petitt, Maura Roberts, Thorp Purdy
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 12 p.m. Courtroom 408	“Medicaid Estate Recovery” Speaker: Alexander Roome, DHS Estate Administration Unit
Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 12 p.m. Courtroom 408	“A View From the Bench – Probate 2025” Speaker: Hon. Debra E. Velure





**OREGON WOMEN LAWYERS AND LANE COUNTY WOMEN LAWYERS
PRESENT:**

MARCH 6, 2025

ROAD TO THE BENCH

A panel discussion with:

**U.S. District Court Chief Judge Michael McShane
Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Meagan Flynn
Oregon Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Duncan
Lane County Circuit Court Judge Debra Velure
Lane County Circuit Court Judge Amit Kapoor**

Moderated by Lane County Circuit Court Judge Kamala Shugar

Have you ever considered serving on the bench?

Join us as judges from many levels of courts share their unique path to the bench, sage advice, and lessons learned.

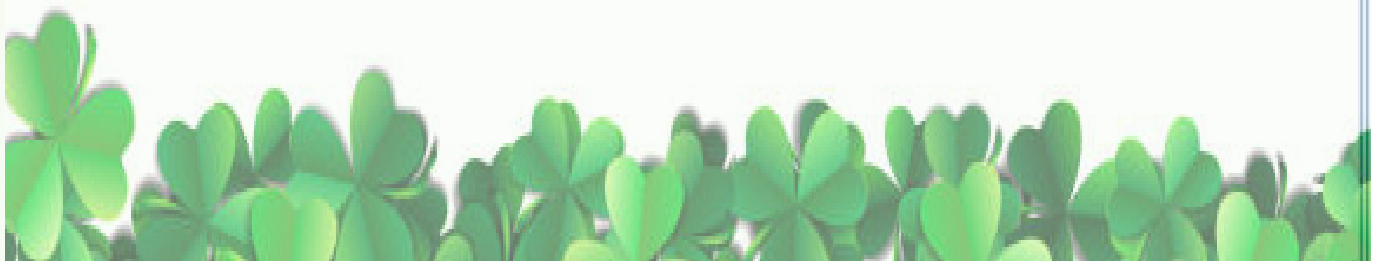
Mix and mingle with our distinguished guests before & after the panel. Complimentary appetizers, no-host bar.

Jazz Lounge, Old Spaghetti Factory, 27 E. 5th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401.

Doors open at 4:45, Panel 5:15-6:15. Schmooze until 7:00 pm.

This event is free. Questions: Linda@oregonwomenlawyers.org

RSVP: [Road to the Bench Eugene RSVP | Oregon Women Lawyers](#)



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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.



PARENTING COORDINATING SERVICES

Katina Saint Marie of **Kruse & Saint Marie, LLC** is now providing Parenting Coordinating services. Continued conflict between parents negatively impacts children and interferes with parents' ability to follow parenting plans. This child-centered, ADR process helps parents communicate respectfully and develop healthier relationships, so they put their children first. For more information or to discuss how Katina may help your client, contact her at 541-687-6788 or katina@ksmattorneys.com.

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LCBA Member Feedback Survey

The LCBA is gathering information from members about their interests and expectations in order to determine how the LCBA can best serve its members. Please link to the survey from the infographic below or click [here](#) to participate in the survey.

Please scan the QR code or visit the link below to share your thoughts, suggestions and preferences regarding the future of the LCBA.

LCBA Member Feedback Survey
2025



<https://forms.office.com/r/0xBg19LJ1S>

Job Announcements

EVIALAW FIRM SEEKS LEGAL SECRETARY

Eiva Law, a small plaintiff's side Eugene-based trial and appellate firm, is hiring for a legal secretary/executive assistant position. The right candidate will have plenty of experience, confidence, and the ability to work independently. Eiva Law offers a competitive salary, generous benefits, schedule flexibility, and a fun work-environment. Please visit this link for a detailed job description and how to submit materials: <https://www.eivalaw.com/hiring.html>.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW GROUP P.C. SEEKS ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

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 (some remote work possible), with an emphasis in local government labor law, including collective bargaining, arbitrations, policy review, and ERB hearing matters. Prior experience in these areas is preferred. 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.

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"Direct deposit."

Upcoming Events

- March 06 Oregon Women Lawyers
"Road to the Bench"
- March 09 Daylight Savings Starts
- March 10 CLBA DEI Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- March 11 CLE: "Medicaid Estate Recovery"
- March 14 Free Legal Answers Clinic
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BAR NEWS DEADLINE

Just a friendly reminder...

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. Late submissions 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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Next Submission Deadline: **Fri., Apr. 18, 2024**

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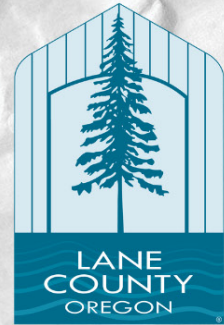
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