

Announcements

Jennifer Reynolds Named New Oregon Law Dean

Following an extensive search process, the University of Oregon announced **Jennifer W. Reynolds** as its twentieth dean for the School of Law.



As a law professor and scholar, Reynolds is a much-loved teacher and national expert in dispute resolution, civil procedure, and conflict of laws and has served as national chair of the **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section of the Association of American Law Schools**.

During her twenty-plus-year career in legal education, Reynolds has served in several leadership roles including as faculty director for Oregon's nationally recognized, award-winning **Appropriate Dispute Resolution Center**.

She is the co-editor of the popular [Star Wars and Conflict Resolution](#) series. Please see the full press release attached to the end of this newsletter. Artwork is also included. For more information or to schedule an interview, please reach out to **Sara Ellis**, Oregon Law Director of Communications at sjellis@uoregon.edu.

Attorney General's April 9th Visit to UO Law School Room Location Change

Due to the interest generated by **Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield's** planned visit to the University of Oregon, the room location has been changed. This event will now



take place in **Room 110**. In case you missed it, Dan Rayfield will visit the University of Oregon campus on the 9th, to introduce himself and discuss his priorities as Attorney General. The local bar association is invited to attend.



CAMPAIGN FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

Congratulations Everyone,

We set some ambitious goals for the year and exceeded them by a wide margin. Specifically, we set out to raise \$100,000 in Lane County this year to support **Legal Aid** and, at final count, we were at \$110,769. We also set out to increase the number of attorneys who contributed to the effort. On that front, we had participation from 23.01% in 2023 and 46.22% in 2024. The increase is a remarkable improvement and earned us the **Equity Cup**, which is awarded to the county with the largest increase in participation.

Though there is wide consensus that supporting Legal Aid, either financially or by volunteering, is an obligation that we all take on as attorneys and members of the Oregon Bar, we are still short of 50% of attorneys financially participating in **Lane County**. In anticipation of next year, and as part of our effort to defeat **Central Oregon for the Justice Cup** (which is awarded based on percentage of attorney participation), we are soliciting ideas for ways to increase the number of participating Lane County attorneys.

Please let us know if anyone has suggestions (we have already considered improved Steering Committee leadership so save it) for boosting participation next year and, again, thanks to everyone who contributed and participated in the effort this year.

The **Equity Cup** will remain on proud display at the Lane County Courthouse as one of the main (only) attractions.

Special thanks to the **Lane County CEJ Steering Committee**, **Justice Martha Walters**, **Logan Naccarato** (Hershner Hunter), **Jennifer Geller** (UO Law School), **Felipe Alonso** (UO Law School), **Jenny Jonak** (Jonak Law Group), **Kristie Gibson** (UO Law School), **Mike Romano** (Hutchinson Cox), **Gerry Gaydos** (Hershner Hunter), **Ross Williamson** (Local Government Law Group and Steering Committee Co-Chair), **Todd Johnston** (Hershner Hunter and Steering Committee Co-Chair).



LCBA FAMILY & JUVENILE LAW SECTION LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Family & Juvenile Law Section hosts local 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.

Upcoming Events & CLE

Oregon Law April 18 Free Legal Answers Clinic

Oregon Law will host its last Free Legal Answers Clinic of the year on **April 18**. Volunteers spend two hours with a small group of students. Pizza and parking passes are provided!

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

LANE COUNTY WOMEN LAWYERS' SPRING SOCIAL

Lane County Women Lawyers invites you to attend our **Spring Social and Book Drive** sponsored by **Angeli & Calfo** on **May 1st, 2025**. Join us from **4:30 – 6:30** at **Ambrosia Restaurant and Bar** for some appetizers, drinks and fun. Bring your like-new/new books for Coffee Creek, Oregon's only women's correctional institution. The book drive enriches the collection of books available to the women incarcerated at Coffee Creek, as well as the libraries in Oregon's other correctional facilities. We hope to see you there!

LCBA SPRING BASH AND 2025 LCBA AWARD NOMINATIONS AT UO ART MUSEUM

April 9, 2025 | 5:30 PM | 1430 Johnson Lane

Join us for another unforgettable evening at the beautiful **Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art** for our **2025 Spring Bash**. This special evening promises a delightful blend of opportunities to connect with fellow legal beagles, indulge in delicious food and experience the elegance of exclusive access to the museum’s galleries, guided tours, and the opportunity to enjoy the outdoor patio and fountain area as spring is in bloom. We look forward to celebrating together with you and your guest(s).

RSVP by April 8 at 5 PM. [Vote](#) by April 4.

Included are a banquet dinner, two drink tickets and private art tours (start times are 5:00 and 5:30 pm), and free parking at 14th & Alder. For more details and to RSVP, see the official invitation [here](#).

Announcements from the Oregon State Bar

[Board of Governors Vacancy - Apply by April 4](#)

The Oregon State Bar is currently seeking candidates for appointment to a vacancy on the Board of Governors for active members with a principal office in Lane County. More information is available [here](#).

[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](#).

[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. For more information, please contact [Cathy Petrecca](#), (503) 431-6355.

LANE COUNTY PROBATE & ESTATE SECTION CLES
2025

Updated: March 21, 2025

DATE	TOPIC / SPEAKER
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



APRIL FREE CLE:

***Mental Health and the Law:
Procedure and Policy***

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Lane County Circuit Court, Courtroom 304

The intersection between the criminal legal system and the mental health community in Lane County is one of the biggest challenges that we face. The Lane County Circuit Court is pleased to facilitate a presentation on Mental Health and the law by **Allison Knight**, the Mental Health Team Lead at the Public Defender Services of Lane County and **Channa Newell** from the Oregon Department of Justice. In the practice of criminal law, it is extraordinarily important to have an understanding of mental health diagnoses and the panoply of legal outcomes short of conviction that our clients face. The legal procedure for litigating mental health outcomes in criminal legal settings is complicated and changing, and it is important to understand the statutes as well as local procedure. The presentation will include *A View from the Bench* by the **Honorable Judge Debra Vogt**, 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 April 14th 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.

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.



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Position Openings

LEGAL ASSISTANT

A well-established, 11-attorney law firm in Springfield, Oregon is seeking a skilled Legal Assistant with strong transactional skills.

The ideal candidate will have five years' experience with some or all the following:

- Commercial property transactions
- Corporate and general business
- Elder law
- Litigation support
- Oregon e-filing
- Maintaining attorney calendars / accurately docketing court deadlines
- State and federal court procedures and rules
- Drafting legal documents
- Client communication

Required:

- Five years' experience as a legal assistant preferably in the areas listed above
- Advanced word processing skills
- High attention to detail and meticulous proofreading skills
- Highly organized, efficient, and resourceful
- Strong communication skills
- Critical thinking and problem-solving abilities
- Good interpersonal skills and willingness to contribute to a team environment
- Support a client service philosophy and work in a professional manner
- Ability to work under pressure, maintain client confidentiality and meet deadlines

We offer a competitive salary commensurate with experience and a generous benefits package. Please send cover letter and resume to Julia Belcher, Administrator, Thorp Purdy Jewett Urness & Wilkinson, PC, 1011 Harlow Road, Suite 300, Springfield, OR 97477 or to jbelcher@thorp-purdy.com.



LAW OFFICE INTAKE SPECIALIST

We are seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Law Office Intake Specialist to join our team. This is a full-time position. The ideal candidate will be responsible for conducting initial phone interviews with potential clients, gathering relevant information, and ensuring accurate documentation. The Intake Specialist will play a critical role in facilitating the intake process and assisting our legal team in evaluating potential cases. Strong communication skills, attention to detail, and a passion for providing exceptional client service are essential for success in this role.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct initial phone consultations with clients to gather information about their legal issues.
- Record and maintain detailed notes.
- Assist clients in completing intake forms and documents.
- Review and organize documentation provided by clients.
- Coordinate with attorneys and legal staff to evaluate potential cases.
- Provide support to attorneys by conducting research and gathering additional information as needed.
- Communicate effectively with clients to address questions and concerns.
- Schedule appointments and distribute intake packets.

Qualifications:

- Previous experience in a legal setting or customer service role.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to multitask and manage multiple interactions simultaneously.
- Flexibility to handle other projects as they arise.

- Ability to handle sensitive information with confidentiality.
- Proficiency in using computer systems and legal software.
- Team player with a positive attitude and the ability to contribute to a positive work environment.

Salary:

Competitive salary based on experience.
Generous benefits package.

How to Apply:

Please submit your resume and cover letter to Julia Belcher, Thorp Purdy Jewett Urness & Wilkinson, P.C., 1011 Harlow Road, Suite 300, Springfield, OR 97477 or to jbelcher@thorp-purdy.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!



LEGAL ASSISTANT

Mid-size law firm seeks a full-time legal assistant. Our professional environment requires someone with initiative, professional appearance and attitude, ability to work as part of a legal services team, and who is detail oriented and well organized.

Duties and responsibilities:

- Provides support to practice group including drafting pleadings for collections, evictions, foreclosures, executions, bankruptcies (creditors not debtors), filing documents with courts, recording documents with county recorders, coordinating with process servers.
- Communications with clients back to get additional information and, if appropriate, conduct informal conflicts check.
- Promptly initiate requests for new files, conflicts checks, and complete the necessary forms for check, credit card and other requests.
- Ensure compliance with case deadlines; updating calendar systems as appropriate; update set-ups, e-mail reminders and appointments, as applicable.
- Conduct basic legal searches in order to locate defendants and heirs for service.
- Draft letter to clients and coordinate disbursement of collected funds.

Education and experience:

- Completion of basic college-level writing or critical thinking courses
- 1-3 years of experience working in a law firm, preferably in creditors' rights and bankruptcy or litigation areas

Skills and other requirements:

- Strong knowledge of legal terminology and procedures related to creditors' rights and litigation. Bankruptcy knowledge a plus.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint and Document Management Systems (experience with mail merge documents helpful)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong ability to proofread and edit documents
- Exceptional organizational skills and ability to multi-task
- Willingness to adapt to changing business needs and fast paced practice area
- Superior attention to detail and strong analytical skills
- Ability to work in group setting as part of a legal team

Benefits:

- Health and dental insurance
- 401(k)
- Salary is competitive and DOE

To be considered for this position, please email your cover letter, resume and references to Sherry Swezey at sswezey@hershnerhunter.com.



DIMENT LAW OFFICE SEEKING LEGAL ASSISTANT/PARALEGAL

Seeking a legal assistant/paralegal for a well-established small, but busy, family law office focusing on all aspects of family law. This position is available immediately; office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm. Prior experience working in a law firm is required.

Ideal candidate will have:

- Attention to detail
- Exceptional verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work independently and/or efficiently and effectively as part of a team
- Excellent time management skills and the ability to prioritize tasks in order to meet deadlines
- Proficiency with WordPerfect, Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, and Timeslips

Responsibilities/Tasks include but are not limited to:

- Drafting correspondence, pleadings, and other case-related documents
- Working directly with clients, greeting clients, answering phone calls, providing clients with assistance
- Scheduling appointments and calendaring court appearances and deadlines
- Electronic filing with the Oregon court system
- Filing, copying, scanning documents
- Other office-related tasks

Salary commensurate with experience, plus excellent benefits. Send resume to Diment Law Office, 767 Willamette St., Suite 208, Eugene, OR 97401, or via email to karen@dwlawoffice.com.

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Upcoming Events

- April 1 April Fools' Day
- April 9 LCBA Spring Bash /
2025 Award Nominations
RVSP by April 8
- April 9 Attorney General Dan Rayfield
visits University of Oregon
- April 15 Probate/Estate Section CLE:
"Removing Fiduciaries and Best
Practices"
- April 15 Tax Day
- April 16 April Free CLE:
"Mental Health and the Law:
Procedure and Policy"
RSVP by April 14
- April 18 Last Free Legal Answers Clinic
- April 22 Earth Day
- May 1 Oregon Women Lawyers'
Spring Social

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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. We try to release the newsletter as close to the first of the month as possible, but 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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****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****

JENNIFER REYNOLDS NAMED NEW OREGON LAW DEAN

[Eugene, OR] - Jennifer W. Reynolds, JD, professor of law and interim dean at the University of Oregon School of Law has been selected as the new permanent dean and Dave Frohnmayer Chair in Leadership and Law. University of Oregon Provost and Senior Vice President Christopher P. Long announced Reynolds assumed the role effective March 17, 2025.

"The Oregon Law community is bold and creative. I am inspired by the law school's commitment to academic excellence and rigorous legal education within our broader mission of public service to the state, the nation, and beyond," Reynolds said. "It is my honor to serve in this role, and I will dedicate myself to working with all our partners, inside and outside the law school, as we train the next generation of lawyers and leaders."

Over her sixteen years at Oregon Law, Reynolds has served in several leadership roles, including interim dean, interim university ombudsperson, associate dean for faculty research and programs, associate dean of academic affairs, and faculty director for Oregon's nationally recognized, award-winning Appropriate Dispute Resolution Center.

Throughout her career, Reynolds has served several constituencies, most notably students, fellow law professors, national colleagues, the Oregon State Bar, and administrative staff. As a law professor and scholar, Reynolds is a much-loved teacher and national expert in dispute resolution, civil procedure, and conflict of laws and has served as national chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section of the Association of American Law Schools. She has authored or co-authored numerous articles, casebooks, essays, reviews, book chapters, and publications and is the co-editor of the popular Star Wars and Conflict Resolution series. She recently was invited to join Civil Procedure: A Coursebook (5th ed., Glannon, Perlman, Raven-Hansen), one of the most prominent and well-regarded civil procedure casebooks in the country.

Reynolds was named the Orlando John and Marian H. Hollis endowed Professor of Law in 2023. She has been recognized with both the Hollis and Ersted Oregon Law teaching awards, and she has been elected six times by graduating 3Ls to serve as Commencement Marshal.

During her time as Interim Dean, Reynolds has implemented strategies to optimize law school operations, increase transparency, promote collaboration, further integration with university and external partners, and ensure financial stability. She also has created innovative programs to enhance the law school's connection to the Oregon Law alumni community, such as a new series of events bringing current law professors and students together with UO alumni to discuss current legal scholarship developments in emerging issues around the country. Reynolds has also established a focus on efforts to increase financial support for students so they can pursue their dream legal careers.

“Jen has demonstrated an excellent solutions-oriented and values-enacted approach to leadership since she became interim dean last April, with a clear focus on community building, collaboration, and transparency,” said Provost Long. “The feedback we received during the extensive search process repeatedly returned to the idea that Jen will bring a deep and nuanced understanding of Oregon Law — its strengths, culture, and community — to her role as Dean. She provides a compelling and clear vision that will shape the law school's new strategic plan in alignment with our Oregon Rising goals.”

Reynolds graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School, serving as a researcher for Wright & Miller's Federal Practice and Procedure, a research fellow and teaching assistant at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, and an editor of the Harvard Law Review. She worked in information technology at the University of Texas at Austin, was an associate at the Atlanta-based Dow Lohnes, PLLC, and served as a visiting associate professor at the University of Missouri School of Law and as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School. She has a master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and an AB from the University of Chicago.

She succeeds Dean Marcilynn Burke, who served as dean from 2017 – 2024.

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