

## 7th Annual Chief Justice Martha Walters Award

The Lane County Women Lawyers is pleased to announce the recipient of its 7th Annual Chief Justice Martha Walters Award, **Jodie Mooney!** Jodie Mooney, Chief Legal and Risk Officer at St. Charles Health System, and Oregon Court of Appeals Senior Judge, made her way to Oregon from Wisconsin, graduating from the University of Oregon.



Then after 24 years of practice, in August 2011, Jodie was appointed to the Lane County Circuit Court. Her time as a trial judge included assignment to the Juvenile Court where she made a difference by shepherding a youth mental health summit and revamping the processes and procedures Lane County used to review guardianship cases where human error had allowed cases to slip through the cracks. She sought appointment to the Court of Appeals because she loves to write and was successful in May of 2019 where she served until retirement in October 2024. Like many members of the LGBTQ community who sought to create a safe and positive home for themselves, Jodie and her wife found a community that was built on millions of small, daily acts of visible existence that took courage and risked danger. During her time on the Oregon Court of Appeals, Jodie authored *In the Matter of Hollister, 305 Or App 368 (2020)* which requires courts to affirm a person's gender identity whether male, female or non-binary. Jodie, along with many other LGBTQ judges and attorneys in Oregon, created an invisible but inescapable gravitational pull that bent the history arc of our profession and state in the direction of greater opportunities and more equal justice. The Chief Justice Martha Walters Award presentation will be held **November 21, 2025, 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**, at the Gordon Hotel. Registration is open and available [here](#).

LCWL encourages early registration as this event has sold out in past years.

## From the President's Desk

Dear LCBA members,

Time flies when it's summer - happy September!

1. New venue for lunch CLEs! Our September CLE will occur at our new venue, **the Graduate**. The lunches at the Graduate will be a seasonal rotating buffet menu with a salad, a protein entrée, sides, and cookies. Please notify the LCBA of any dietary restrictions using the "meal choice" drop-down menu when you register for the CLE so we can accommodate you.
2. In order for our new venue to be able to prepare an appropriate menu with adequate servings, we need folks who attend a CLE to register earlier than in previous months. Please register no later than 5 days in advance so we can provide an accurate headcount to the venue.
3. The LCBA is working to establish a full calendar of CLEs for the 2025-2026 year so folks can plan in advance. Our next lunch CLE will occur on **Thursday, September 11** and will feature a presentation by the **Campaign for Equal Justice**. The October CLE on **Thursday, October 9**, will feature the recognition and welcoming of new OSBAR members and a CLE titled "The Call is Coming from Inside the House: Confronting Implicit Bias in the Legal Profession."

We will continue to update the CLE calendar as we confirm presenters.

Thank you.

Jennifer Hisey

## Katherine O'Neil Volunteer Service Award

OWLS is proud to honor **Judge Debra E. Velure**, Lane County Circuit Court, with the 2025 Katherine O'Neil Award for Volunteer Service at the Fall Reception, directly after the CLE at 4:30 p.m. Judge Velure has been a steadfast member of OWLS continuously since 1994, having served as OWLS President and Treasurer, on the Executive Committee, and OWLS Board for several years. Throughout her career, she has been an essential leader and member of the Lane County Women Lawyers Steering Committee, spearheading the establishment of the distinguished Chief Justice Martha Walters Award in 2019, now in its 7th year. During the pandemic, Judge Velure did not waver in her commitment to volunteer service in Lane County, persevering by holding meetings, award events, and litigation mentoring circles for attorneys by Zoom and in person when possible. Outside of OWLS, Judge Velure currently serves on the Oregon Supreme Court Council on Inclusion and Fairness and on the Board of the Oregon Law Foundation. In both, most notable is her dedication to mentorship and lifting others up in service to our profession. OWLS is inspired by this role model of volunteerism and leadership throughout her career, and we hope you will join us as we bestow the **Katherine O'Neil Award** on the esteemed Judge Debra Velure on **October 3**, at **4:30** p.m. at the University of Oregon School of Law. Reception only tickets can be purchased online. For sponsorship opportunities, contact [terri@oregonwomenlawyers.org](mailto:terri@oregonwomenlawyers.org). For general inquiries, contact [erika@oregonwomenlawyers.org](mailto:erika@oregonwomenlawyers.org).



## Upcoming Events & CLE

### INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Judges **Beatrice N. Grace** and **Michelle P. Bassi** respectfully invite you to attend their Investiture Ceremony at Harris Hall, on **Friday, September 19, 2025**, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Reception to follow.

### OWLS FALL CLE

Please join OWLS President **Jessica Price** for a riveting CLE on **Executive Power and its Constitutional Limits** at UO School of Law  
**Friday, October 3, 2025, 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

#### Keynote Address on Executive Power:

**Catherine E. Lhamon**, Executive Director of the Edley Center on Law & Democracy at UC Berkeley School of Law, and Former Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the US Department of Education

#### Panel Discussions on the following:

- Laws related to immigrants' rights, visas, and sanctuary litigation
- Challenges of providing direct services, ensuring access to justice and quality representation in the face of retaliation
- Executive orders, speech and dissent, and the domestic deployment of the military

Registration information can be found [here](#) (registration includes fall reception).



**O'CONNELL CONFERENCE & CLE**

*Consequential Cases: Recent US Supreme Court Decisions Reshaping the Legal Landscape*

**Friday, September 19, 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.**  
 Registration & Lunch 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Program Starts at 1 p.m.  
 Knight Law Center, 175 & Online  
 3.5 CLE Credits Pending

Opening keynote Address by **Richard Hasen**,  
 UCLA Professor and Director of the Safeguarding  
 Democracy Project, *The Past and Future of  
 the Voting Rights Act at the US Supreme Court*

Complete program & registration available  
 on Oregon Law webpage. Free of charge, by  
 registration requested for in-person attendees.

**FALL 2025:**

**Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinics  
 Volunteer, Mentor, Eat Pizza, & Earn CLE  
 Credit!**

Oregon Law will host three **Free Legal Answers Clinics** this fall on **Fridays, 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

**September 26, October 10, and November 14.**

We would like to have 3-4 volunteer attorneys for each month for this pro bono option that is very popular with students.

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 page](#) 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****LANE COUNTY FAMILY MEDIATION**

Lane County Family Mediation has moved! We are now located on the bottom floor of the Lane County Public Service Building across from Assessment and Taxation.

Our services continue to be delivered remotely. Our staff is not available to assist in person unless arrangements are made in advance.

**Address:** 125 E. 8th Avenue  
 Eugene, OR 97401

**Phone:** 541-682-4709

**Email:** [mediation@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:mediation@lanecountyor.gov)

**LANE COUNTY DEEDS AND RECORDS**

Effective Thursday, August 21, 2025, the Recording Office has relocated to the Public Service Building, located at **125 E 8th Avenue**.

The elections office will remain at 275 W. 10th Ave.

**LANE COUNTY FAMILY LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Lane County Family Law Advisory Committee is gathering information about parenting time supervisors who serve Lane County. If you have recent experience with parenting time supervisors who provide services in Lane County, please send the information to Jennifer Hisey at [jhisey@oregonlawcenter.org](mailto:jhisey@oregonlawcenter.org) before **September 20, 2025**. Thank you!

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**Announcements from the Oregon State Bar**

**OSB Seeks Comment on Amendment to Several Rule Sets**

The Oregon State Bar seeks public comment on proposed amendments to several sets of rules relating to its regulatory work. Amendments are proposed to the: Rules of License, Rules of Procedure, and Rules of Professional Conduct. The amendments address: 1) changes to the Oregon State Bar Act in the 2025 legislature; 2) attorney obligations in working with non-refundable fees; and 3) attorney obligations when working with licensed paralegals in Oregon. Brief explanations and the proposed amendments are [here](#). Comments may be submitted by **September 19, 2025** to [feedback@osbar.org](mailto:feedback@osbar.org).

**Court Approves Amendments to the Rules of Licensure**

The Oregon Supreme Court has approved amendments to the Rules of Licensure, addressing: 1) requirements of the New Lawyer Mentoring Program, and 2) MCLE credits for serving as a bar examiner. Both a [clean copy](#) of the new RLs, and a [redline](#) of the amendments are available. The new rules became effective May 1, 2025.

**Volunteer with the Oregon State Bar**

The Board of Governors is now accepting applications for volunteers interested in serving on several boards, committees, and councils. A description of each opportunity accompanies the application on the links below. The deadline to submit volunteer applications is September 22. See [Non-Lawyer Volunteer Info](#); [Member Volunteer Info](#).



## Services Offered

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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](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

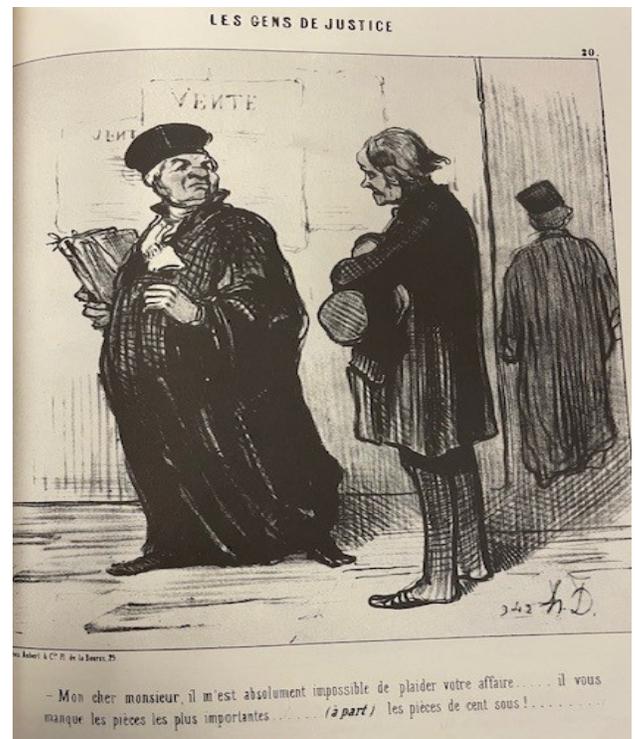
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English Translation:

*My dear Sir, it is quite impossible for me to take on your case... You lack the most important piece of evidence... (aside) ...evidence that you can pay my fee...*

Image and translation taken from *Lawyers and Justice*, by *Daumier*

### Upcoming Events

- September 1 Labor Day
- September 11 LCBA Lunch CLE  
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- September 19 Investiture Ceremony: Judges  
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*Consequential Cases: Recent US  
Supreme Court Decisions Reshaping  
the Legal Landscape*
- September 19 Deadline to submit feedback to OSB  
regarding proposed rule amendments
- September 20 Deadline to submit feedback regarding  
parenting supervisors in Lane County
- September 22 Autumnal Equinox
- September 26 Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinic
- October 3 OWLS Fall CLE: Executive Power  
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- October 9 LCBA Lunch CLE "Confronting  
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- October 10 Oregon Law Free Legal Answers  
Clinic
- November 14 Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinic
- November 21 2025 Chief Justice Martha Walters  
Award luncheon

Lane County Bar Association  
c/o Secretary  
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Eugene, Oregon 97440

### *Lane County Bar Association*

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