

Volunteer Judges Needed For the 2026 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 28, 2026, 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, **Dana McHenry**, at Dana.L.McHenry@ojd.or.state.us, OR
- (2) Complete the Volunteer Judge Application online [here](#) or by visiting the event page at <https://civics-learning-project.vomo.org/opportunity/eugene2026>.

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 Dana McHenry at the above email address.



President's Message

Dear LCBA members,

Happy New Year!

1. Thank you to everyone who joined us at the LCBA Winter Social. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and I look forward to having more non-CLE fun at the **LCBA Spring Bash and awards ceremony** in April.
2. January's CLE and lunch are scheduled for **January 8, 2026** from 12-1 at The Graduate. The **Honorable Karrie K. McIntyre** will present the "State of the Courts." The LCBA will apply for 1 General CLE credit.
3. February's CLE and lunch are scheduled for **February 12, 2026** from 12-1 at The Graduate. The anticipated CLE topic is abuse reporting requirements.
4. In order for The Graduate to be able to prepare an appropriate menu with adequate servings, we need folks who intend to attend a CLE to register no later than 5 days in advance.
5. The LCBA will be hosting lunch CLEs on the second Thursday of each month (except April) through at least August 2026. CLE topics will be announced as presenters are confirmed.
6. Planning is underway for the annual LCBA Spring Bash and award ceremony. This event will happen in mid-April. More details will be released as they are finalized. Please start thinking about who you might want to nominate for the following awards: Andrew Clement Pro Bono Award; Distinguished Service Award; and, Joseph M. Kosydar Award for Professionalism.
7. The LCBA board is taking the first steps toward replacing the LCBA website. Please reach out if you begin to encounter any issues while attempting to interact with our website. Hopefully we will be able to fully transition to our new platform and be able to provide you with a new and improved web experience by late spring.

Thank you.

Jennifer Hisey

Upcoming Events & CLE

ANNUAL OREGON LAW STUDENTS PUBLIC INTEREST FUND (OLSPIF) February 6, 2026

31st Anniversary Carnival for a Cause Mardi Law - Let the Good Times Roll

5 p.m., UO EMU Ballroom
Silent Auction, **February 6-13th**

Registration Opens **January 2nd**
Table & Event Sponsorships Available Now

LCBA NEW LAWYER'S SECTION

LCBA New Lawyer's Section invites you to a drop-in social **Wednesday, January 7** from 12pm-1pm at the Lane County Courthouse. This is the kick-off event for our CLE series that will be focused on the issues lawyers new to practice face, including advice on how to be successful in Lane County. Come and meet other local practitioners and let us know what you would like to hear about in a CLE. Whether you're a solo working on building a business, an associate figuring out a specialty, or just want to know more about what's going on in Lane County, we want to hear from you! We will also have information about our planned February CLE - What I Wish I Had Known About Lane County. Light refreshments provided. Please note that entering the courthouse requires going through court security, so plan accordingly.

DERRICK BELL LECTURE

Thursday, February 19, 2026
12:15 - 2:00 p.m.
Knight Law Center 110

Professor Justin Driver:
Action After Affirmative Action

SPRING 2025: Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinics

*Pro Bono Service Opportunity
with Law Students*

Oregon Law will host spring semester Free Legal Answers Clinics on three Fridays—**January 30th, February 20th, and April 10th.**

These 2-hour clinics, 12-2 pm, allow small groups of students to work with attorneys answering legal questions posted by low-income Oregonians on the Oregon State Bar's Free Legal Answers platform. Oregon Law will provide pizza and parking passes for volunteer attorneys. Contact Jennifer Geller, jgeller@uoregon.edu, to sign up or for more information.

Thank you to the attorneys who have already participated in Free Legal Answers this academic year: **Sara Angeletti, Marc Friedman, Ed Gerdes, Rebecca Jackson, Andree Phelps, and Michael Romano.**

**"Cheers to a
new year and
another chance for
us to get it right."**

—OPRAH WINFREY





2026 LCBA ESTATE SECTION CLE CALENDAR

Lane County Circuit Court
Courtroom 306
Noon - 1 pm



February	09	TBA
March	09	<i>Business Assets in Estates</i>
April	13	Linn Davis , OSB Assistant General Counsel and CAO Manager: <i>Mandatory Abuse Reporting</i>
May	11	James Gardner : <i>Evictions in Estate Proceedings</i>
September	14	Holli Houston : <i>Ethics in Estate/Trust Administration</i>
October	12	Brian Thompson : <i>Ethical Issues and Advance Directives</i>
November	09	TBD
December	14	TBD

The Estate Section CLEs are free and all are welcome to attend. This calendar is also subject to change; please watch for updates in future issues.

Announcement from the Oregon State Bar

[Oregon Supreme Court Amends Rules for Use of Fixed Fees](#)

On December 9, the Oregon Supreme Court Amended Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5(c) and 1.15-1(c), both addressing the use of fixed fees by lawyers and licensed paralegals. The changes seek to address frequent client confusion and clarify a licensee's obligations in use of this fee structure (sometimes referred to as "earned on receipt" or "nonrefundable.") [Further detail is here](#). Questions or comments can go to feedback@osbar.org.

A Bit of Humor

A lawyer had a dripping faucet in his office bathroom. He googled the number of a nearby plumber. The plumber arrived and easily took the entire faucet apart. Within ten minutes it was put back together, with the faulty washer replaced. Wiping his hands, the plumber said "That will be \$250." "What?" gasped the astonished lawyer. "That's more money than I make in an hour!" Nonplussed, the plumber looked at him. "I know. That's why I quit being a lawyer."

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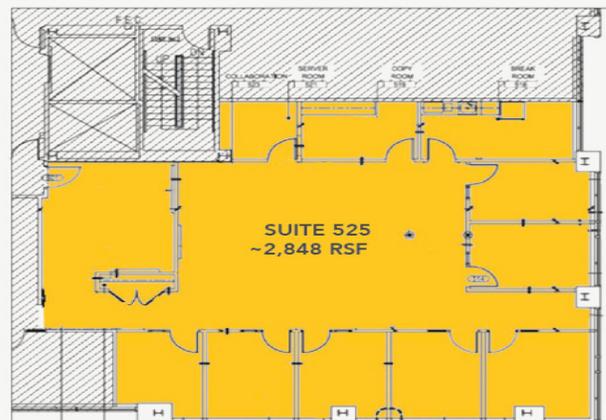
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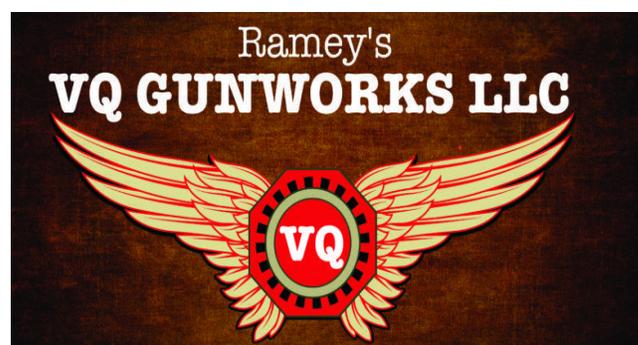
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Upcoming Events

January 01	New Year's Day
January 02	Registration Opens: Oregon Law Students' Public Interest Fund
January 07	LCBA New Lawyer Section Social
January 08	January Lunch CLE: <i>State of the Courts</i>
January 30	Free Legal Answers Clinic
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February 19	Derrick Bell Lecture
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February 28	Southern Willamette Valley Regional High School 2026 Mock Trial Competition
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