

*Sign Up Now to Volunteer as a Judge  
For the 2026 Mock Trial Competition on February 28, 2026*

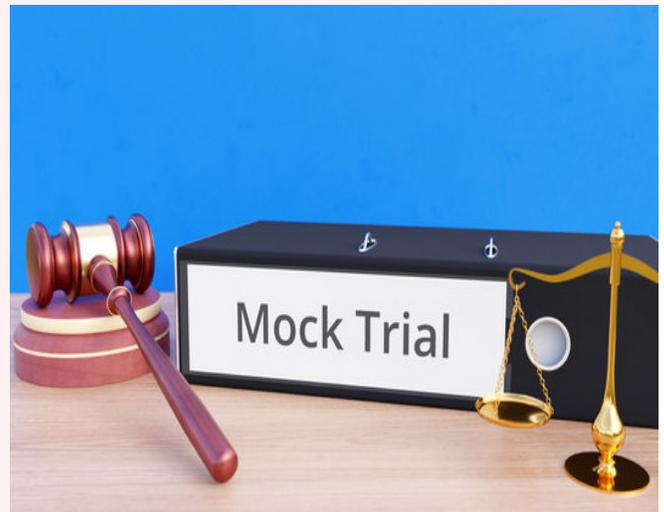
The **Honorable Debra K. Vogt** is coordinating the [Civics Learning Project's High School Mock Trial Regional Competition](#).

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.state.or.us](mailto:Dana.L.McHenry@ojd.state.or.us), **NOTE:** the email address in the January newsletter was incorrect; if you emailed about volunteering, please email again to the correct address above)  
OR

(2) Complete the Volunteer Judge Application online at the [Civics Learning Project Mock Trial Judge - Eugene 2026 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.

## President's Message

Dear LCBA members,

1. Nominations for the LCBA annual awards are live. Please send your nominations, with the name of the nominated individual, the award for which you are nominating them and a brief explanation for why they are an appropriate recipient, to [admin@lanecountybar.org](mailto:admin@lanecountybar.org). Nominations will close on **March 1, 2026**. The available awards are:
  - a. **Andrew Clement Pro Bono Award:**  
To honor an individual who has provided exceptional service to persons of limited means.
  - b. **Distinguished Service Award:**  
To honor an individual who has provided extraordinary service to the legal profession and the people of Lane County.
  - c. **Joseph M. Kosydar Award for Professionalism:**  
Established in memory of Joseph Kosydar, a long-time Lane County Deputy District Attorney who passed away in 1997. The idea came for the award from the judges who valued Joe's professionalism and civility and who wanted to periodically recognize attorneys in the Bar who exemplify those qualities. It was not the intent of the judges, however, to limit the award to trial lawyers.
2. February's CLE and lunch are scheduled for **February 12, 2026** from 12-1 at The Graduate. **Linda Kruschke** from the OSB will present about abuse reporting requirements. The LCBA will apply for 1 Abuse Reporting CLE credit.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.



## Announcements & Events

### ANNUAL OREGON LAW STUDENTS PUBLIC INTEREST FUND (OLSPIF)

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

**February 6**, at 5 p.m., UO EMU Ballroom  
Silent Auction, **February 5-11**

Registration Open & Trip Drawing Tickets Available

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

### 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 2026: Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinics

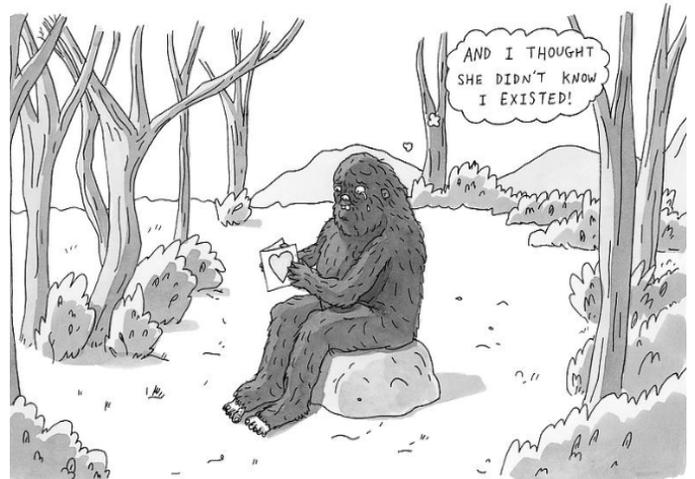
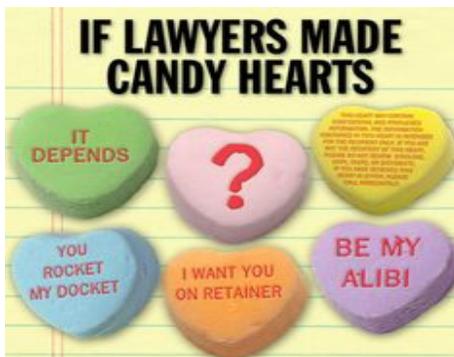
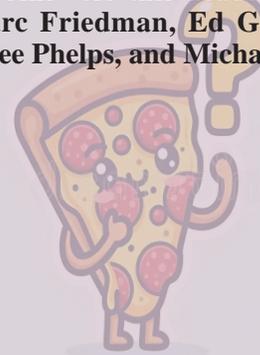
*Pro Bono Service Opportunity  
with Law Students*

Oregon Law will host two more spring semester Free Legal Answers Clinics on **February 20th and April 10th**.

These two-hour clinics, 12-2 p.m., 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](#) 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**.





## 2026 LCBA Estate Section CLE Calendar

Lane County Circuit Court  
Courtroom 306  
Noon - 1 pm

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

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



### JOIN THE JARC!

The [Lane County Bar Association](#) is seeking 4 members to serve on the **Judicial Application Review Committee (JARC)**. The JARC is a standing committee that only meets when there is a judicial vacancy on the Lane County Circuit Court bench or when new pro tem judges need to be appointed. When the JARC is convened, members review application materials and vet applicants for open judicial positions. The JARC's findings and recommendations are relayed to the Governor or the Presiding Judge. JARC members are appointed for 4 year terms.

If there are no vacancies or new pro tem judges needed during a JARC member's term, the JARC members would not be required to provide any service. The time commitment for this position varies. Please contact the LCBA at [admin@lanecountybar.org](mailto:admin@lanecountybar.org) if you have questions. The LCBA strives to comprise the JARC of at least 8 members. During this appointment process, the LCBA board needs to appoint 4 members due to current members' terms expiring. Prior service on the JARC is not required, nor does prior service preclude a member from re-applying to serve. There is no limit on the number of terms a member may serve on the JARC. The preferred practice areas for applicants for the current JARC vacancies are criminal defense, commercial/business litigation, family law, and/or probate. However, the LCBA welcomes applicants from all practice areas.

If you are interested in serving on the JARC, please send your name, contact information, practice area, and a brief explanation of why you are interested in serving on the JARC to the LCBA at [admin@lanecountybar.org](mailto:admin@lanecountybar.org) by **March 31**. Members chosen to serve on the JARC will be notified no later than the second Thursday in June.

## HERSHNER HUNTER LLP ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERS

**Elizabeth M. Stubbs** has become a partner with **Hershner Hunter, LLP**. Elizabeth has been with the firm since 2021 and specializes in employment law, helping employers navigate workplace challenges



and comply with complex state and federal regulations. She works with employers of all sizes to prevent and address workplace harassment and discrimination, guide employers through disciplinary actions and terminations, resolve disputes, and conduct workplace investigations. She also represents employers in court, mediations, arbitrations, and before administrative agencies.

**Courtney Caimoma** has become a partner with Hershner Hunter, LLP. Courtney is a member of the firm's litigation team and specializes in construction defect, real estate, and



and complex commercial disputes. Clients value Courtney for her strategic problem-solving and her results driven focus on what matters to them most. Courtney has practiced law since 2020 and has been with Hershner Hunter since 2022.

# Congratulations!

## NALS EDUCATIONAL MEETING

NALS of Lane County will hold its next monthly educational meeting on **February 17, 2026**, from 12:00 - 1 p.m. by Zoom.

Attorney **Jennifer Kinzey** will be presenting on the



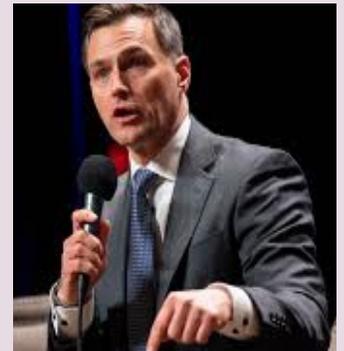
topic of *Finding the Right Permanency Plan in a Dependency Hearing*.

Please send your RSVP to **Michelle Buentiempo** at [mbuentiempo2023@gmail.com](mailto:mbuentiempo2023@gmail.com).

As always, the class is free and worth (1) CLE credit for those who are accumulating the credits or need verification of attendance. When you RSVP, please let Michelle know if you will need a certificate and she will send one out for you.

## OREGON ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN RAYFIELD SPEAKS IN DOWNTOWN EUGENE FEBRUARY 24

Please join the LWVLC **February 24, 2026**, for the *League's Speaker Series* when the LWV hosts Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield. Expect to hear him discuss the state's involvement in 53 lawsuits filed against the federal government in the past year.



Rayfield is a key player in ensuring the people of our state are able to vote in November. Hear how he's enforcing laws that protect voters, prohibit voter intimidation, and ensure efficient and fair administration of elections **Tuesday, February 24 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** at The Shedd Institute, 285 East Broadway in Eugene. Visit [lwvlc.org](http://lwvlc.org) - or call the League office at 541-343-7917 to reserve your seats today. Reservations are \$5 each and the event is open to the public. You can email us at: [office@lwvlc.org](mailto:office@lwvlc.org).

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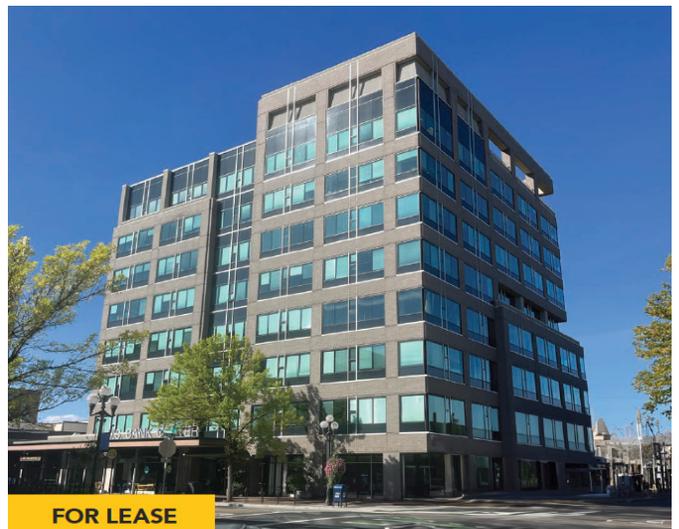
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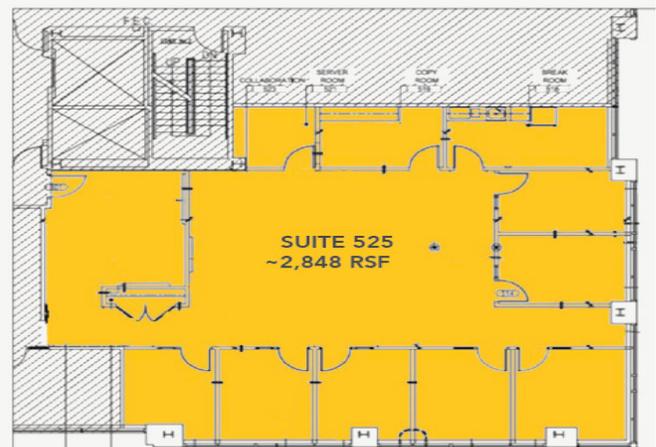
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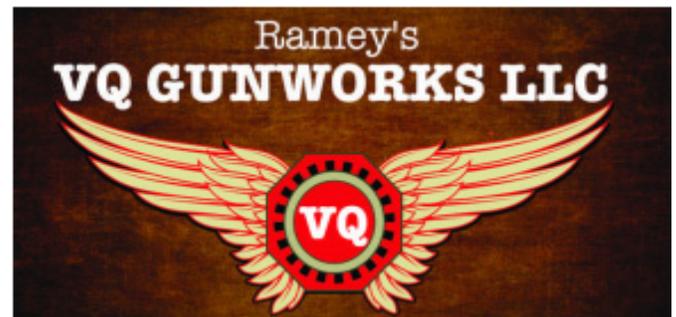


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## Upcoming Events

February 02	Groundhog Day
February 06	OLSPIF's 31st Anniversary <i>Carnival for a Cause</i> and Silent Auction (thru Feb. 13)
February 09	Estate Section CLE: TBA
February 12	February Lunch CLE: <i>Abuse Reporting Requirements</i>
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	President's Day (courts closed)
February 17	NALS Educational Meeting
February 19	Derrick Bell Lecture
February 20	Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinic
February 24	Dan Rayfield Talk at Shedd Institute (hosted by League of Women Voters of Lane County (LWV))
February 28	Southern Willamette Valley Regional High School 2026 Mock Trial Competition
March 01	LCBA Awards Nominations Closes
March 09	Estate Section CLE: <i>Business Assets in Estates</i>
March 31	Deadline to submit interest for JARC
April 10	Oregon Law Free Legal Answers Clinic

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***Lane County Bar Association***

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