

Announcements

LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ARBITRATION COMMISSION PRESENTS ON APRIL 22

The Lane County Circuit Court Arbitration Commission (“Commission”) invites you to attend a presentation on “**Tips for Best Practices**” for conducting court mandated arbitrations. This program, open to all current court arbitrators and prospective arbitrators, will be held on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**, from **12:00–1:00 PM** in **Courtroom 302** at the Lane County Circuit Court, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, Oregon.

At the session, you will have an opportunity to hear from current court arbitrator, **Brad Litchfield**, and Commission Member, **Hon. Debra E Velure**, as well as connect with other current arbitrators, ask questions and share insights. Please feel free to bring your lunch. If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to Judge Velure’s law clerk, **Jamie Gorman**, at jamie.h.gorman@ojd.state.or.us.



The poster features a circular logo for the Lane County Bar Association at the top left, with a scale of justice inside. The background is a soft-focus image of a sunset or sunrise over a field of flowers, with decorative green vines and pink flowers framing the text. The text is centered and reads: 'LANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION Spring BASH AND AWARDS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 5:30PM-8:30PM JORDAN SCHNITZER MUSEUM OF ART APPETIZERS HOSTED BAR LIVE MUSIC AND OPEN ART GALLERIES MEMBERS - \$40 NON-MEMBERS - \$60'.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear LCBA members,

1. Save the date for the **LCBA's annual Spring Bash and Awards ceremony!** The Spring Bash will occur on **Wednesday, April 15, 5:30pm-8:30pm**, at the **Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art**. We will have heavy appetizers, hosted bar, live music and access to the art galleries. Registration is now live at the LCBA website and the cost is \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members.
2. For the Awards portion of the Spring Bash, the LCBA will be presenting the **Honorable Jay McAlpin** with the Distinguished Service Award and **Mr. Marc Friedman** with the Andrew Clement Pro Bono Award. Please join us in honoring these outstanding members of our legal community.
3. There will be no lunch CLE in April.
4. The May lunch will be held on **May 14 at 12pm** at **The Graduate**. The LCBA will be honoring our 30/40/50 year members as well as introducing Lane County's newest judges.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The LCBA board is continuing work on replacing the LCBA website and the new website is tentatively scheduled to go live on May 1. Please reach out if you encounter any issues while attempting to interact with our website.

Thank you.

Jennifer Hisey

EMERALDS BASEBALL FUNDRAISER

Support the University of Oregon School of Law **Domestic Violence Clinic** by attending the **Eugene Emeralds Baseball** game on **April 17 at 6:35pm, PK Park**. 50% of ticket sales will be donated to the DV Clinic. The DV Clinic allows law students opportunities to develop effective lawyering skills by providing comprehensive civil legal services to low-income survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Please see the official event flyer at the end of this newsletter.



FOCUS ON CHILDREN FEE INCREASE

As of **January 15**, the fee for **Focus on Children** will increase to **\$80**. An updated registration form is attached to the back of this newsletter for your use and distribution.

The link to register online, the fee waiver application, and class information can also be found at <https://www.lanecountyor.gov/mediation>.

Registration forms with payment by check may also be mailed to, or deposited in, the mailbox at our physical office in the bottom level of the **Lane County Public Services Building at 125 E 8th Avenue**, Eugene (across from Assessment and Taxation). Please bear in mind that the Lane County Family Mediation staff primarily works remotely and are not available to assist clients in person except by advance appointment.



LANE COUNTY FAMILY COURT ASSISTANCE OFFICE OPPORTUNITY

The Lane County Circuit Court, Family Court Assistance Office, is currently updating its Unbundled Services Attorney list. This is a valuable resource for self-represented litigants and a great opportunity for attorneys to increase family law knowledge and experience.

If you are interested in providing limited-scope representation to litigants in family law cases as authorized by UTCR 5.170, please contact **Colleen Carter-Cox**, Family Law Program Manager at 541-682-4381 or Colleen.A.CARTER-COX@ojd.state.or.us for more information.

MOVES

Watkinson Laird Rubenstein is pleased to announce that **Connor King** has become a shareholder of the firm. Connor maintains a civil litigation practice representing plaintiffs and defendants in business, real estate, trust, probate, and real estate disputes, as well as government agency complaints, citations, and violations. The firm is proud to recognize his professional achievement and looks forward to his continued service to client and the legal community.

Watkinson Laird Rubenstein is also excited to welcome **Christine Boone**. Christine represents clients in civil litigation and is committed to providing thoughtful, effective advocacy. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law and is proud to call Oregon home. She can be reached at cboone@wrlaw.com.

Upcoming Events & CLE

NALS @ NOON EVENT CALENDAR

Ryan Standil will be presenting at **NALS@Noon** on **April 21, 2026**, from 12:00–1:00 PM.

Topic: *Email Best Practices*

Tia Politi will be presenting at **NALS@Noon** on **May 19, 2026**, from 12:00–1:00 PM.

Topic: TBD

Amylyn Riedling will be presenting at **NALS@Noon** on **June 16, 2026**, from 12:00–1:00 PM.

Topic: *Ethics – Confidentiality and Unauthorized Practice of Law*

Please RSVP to: mbuentiempo2023@gmail.com.

OREGON CHAPTER OF AFCC (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts) SPRING CONFERENCE

April 17, 2026
The Grotto
Portland, Oregon

This year's conference will feature speakers **Michael Saint, PhD**, and **Stephanie Coontz**, as they delve into the complex issue of trust. Join us for this powerful session!

Registration costs (includes lunch):
Non-Members \$275, Members \$225, Students \$100

CLEs and CE are provided. Additional information and registration can be found at <https://oregonafccnet.org/events/>.

**OREGON LAW APRIL 10
Free Legal Answers Clinic**

*Pro Bono Service Opportunity
with Law Students*

Oregon Law will host one more spring semester Free Legal Answers Clinic on April 10. 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.

Contact [Jennifer Geller](#) for more information.



2026 ESTATE SECTION CLE CALENDAR

Lane County Circuit Court
Courtroom 306
Noon-1 p.m.

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	9	Susan Ezzy Jordan: <i>Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity</i>
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.

Save the Date

**LCBA DEI COMMITTEE
5th Annual Affinity Bar Event**

Thursday, June 4, 2026, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, [Gratitude Brewery](#), 540 E. 8th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401

We will gather with local and state Affinity Bar members and allies to make connections, eat light snacks, and enjoy the start of summer. At 6:00 pm join Gratitude’s trivia competition. Bring a team or we will find you a team. Friends and family, including children, are welcome! [RSVPing](#) is encouraged.

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*Announcements from the
Oregon State Bar*

[Board of Governors Elections](#)

The OSB is seeking candidates for four seats. The filing deadline is **May 12**. More information can be found [here](#).

[OSB Access to Justice Gap Analysis Report](#)

The OSB has completed an Access to Justice Gap Report examining Oregon’s civil legal system. The report draws on a robust statewide survey, focus groups, and interviews with system partners. It identifies key barriers to access to justice and concrete, actionable steps that the OSB can take, in coordination with system partners, to build a better legal system for people in Oregon.

[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 upon receipt” or “nonrefundable.” Further detail can be found via the above link. Questions or comments can go to feedback@osbar.org.



Positions Offered

HUTCHINSON COX

- Creditors' Rights Associate
- Business Associate

Hutchinson Cox is seeking a highly motivated **Creditors' Rights Associate** with experience in a litigation environment in both state and federal courts to join their team.

The firm is also seeking a highly motivated **Business Associate** with 2–5 years of experience to join their corporate and transactional practice.

For more information about these positions, please visit Hutchinson Cox's [Careers Page](#).

JOHNSON JOHNSON LUCAS & MIDDLETON

Legal Assistant – Civil Litigation

Location: Eugene, Oregon;

Compensation: \$27–\$33 per hour (DOE)

Johnson Johnson Lucas & Middleton, a plaintiffs' litigation firm, is seeking an experienced Legal Assistant to support attorneys representing individuals harmed by medical malpractice, products liability, personal injury, civil rights, employment law, and police misconduct.

This role supports all stages of litigation—from case development and discovery through trial preparation—and is ideal for someone who thrives in a fast-paced legal environment and values work that advances civil rights and accountability. Learn more and [apply here](#).

CITY OF EUGENE

Assistant City Attorney

The City of Eugene is seeking an Assistant City Attorney to focus on civil defense litigation on a wide range of issues. For more information and to apply, go to [Assistant City Attorney | Job Details tab | Career Pages](#).

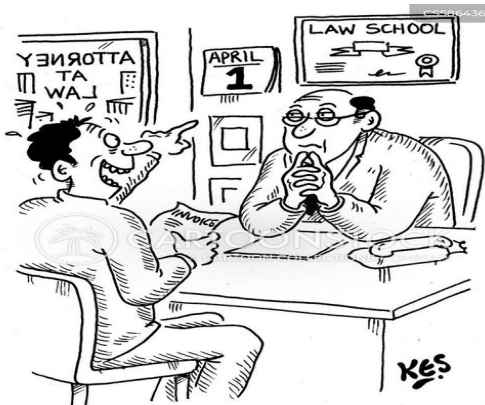


LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Trial Court Administrator

The Lane County Circuit Court invites applicants for the Trial Court Administrator 4 position.

See the official announcement and brochure [here](#). For full details, position description and application instructions, go [here](#).



"Ha! Oh I get it... April fool's day! So, where's the real bill?"

Services Offered

VQ GUNWORKS LLC

Liquidation and appraisals for firearms and firearm accessories. We provide appraisals and liquidation for estates, insurance and other legal circumstances including divorce and bankruptcy. Serving the Portland, Salem, Eugene and surrounding areas. Call Kenneth Ramey for a consultation at 503-449-6007 or visit us at <https://vqgunworks.com>.



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Case Visitations' mission is to create safe and supportive environments for families, ensuring healthy interactions between parents and children, while adhering to all legal requirements. Our certified supervision experts are available to work with all family needs. Case Visitations is proud to offer supervised visitation and monitored exchanges 7 days a week, including evening and holidays.

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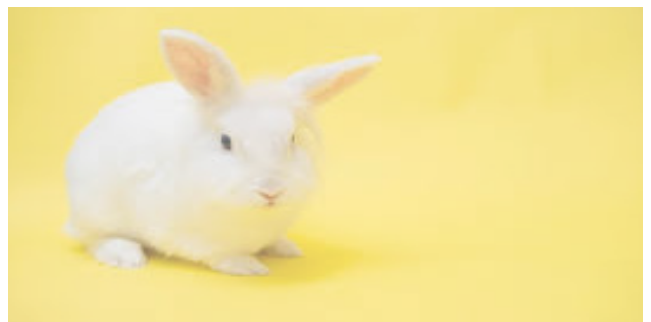


EUGENE WEEKLY

[Eugene Weekly](#) offers a lower cost and a higher circulation than other local papers. Publishing in the Weekly is a great way to fill the requirements for your legal notices, and to save some money at the same time. Call 541-484-0519, or email classy@eugeneweekly.com for more information. (Eugene Weekly is a newspaper of general circulation as defined in ORS 193.010 and 193.020).

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.



Upcoming Events

- April 1 April Fools' Day
- April 5 Easter Sunday
- April 6 Deadline to submit applications for Lane County Circuit Court *Trial Court Administrator* position
- April 10 Last (spring) Free Legal Answers Clinic
- April 13 Estate Section CLE:
Linn Davis, OSB Assistant General Counsel and CAO Manager:
Mandatory Abuse Reporting
- April 15 Tax Day
- April 15 LCBA Annual Spring Bash and Awards Ceremony
- April 17 Oregon Chapter of AFCC presentation at The Grotto (Portland, OR)
- April 17 Emerald's play: DV Clinic Baseball Fundraiser
- April 21 Nals @Noon - Ryan Standil presents
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 22 Lane County Circuit Court Arbitration Commission Presentation
- May 11 Estate Section CLE:
James Gardner:
Evictions in Estate Proceedings
- May 12 Board of Governors Elections Filing Deadline
- May 14 LCBA Luncheon
- May 19 Nals @ Noon - Tia Politi presents
- June 4 LCBA DEI Committee 5th annual Affinity Bar Event
- June 16 Nals @ Noon Amylyn Riedling presents

Lane County Bar Association
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Lane County Bar Association

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Bar News

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tickets or go to:**

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50 PERCENT OF TICKET SALES GO TO THE DV CLINIC!

Lane County Family Mediation
**FOCUS ON CHILDREN
&
MEDIATION ORIENTATION**

A required class for divorcing, divorced, and separated parents

Parties are required to register within 15 days of receiving this notice.

*You are **required** by the Court to attend Focus on Children if you are the parent of a child under 18, AND you are a party in a Lane County annulment or dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, legal separation, petition to establish custody or parenting time (including paternity), or post-judgment litigation involving custody and/or parenting time. Attendance fulfills the mandatory parent education program (Lane County Circuit Court Local Rule 8.012) and the mandatory mediation (Lane County Circuit Court Local Rule 12.001) requirements.*

Focus on Children helps parents respond to their children's needs and minimize the negative impacts of divorce and separation. The class also addresses parents' rights and responsibilities, custody, parenting plans, and the family adjustments to new living arrangements. Class attendance enables parents to access free custody and parenting plan mediation at Family Mediation.

SCHEDULE: Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

LOCATION: Focus on Children takes place by Zoom. You will receive a link via email 1-2 days before your scheduled class.

COST: \$80 per person.

Lane County Family Mediation will grant a fee reduction of 50% or 100% based on household income and household size. You must first apply for a fee waiver at the Lane County Circuit Court when you file your court paperwork. Then present a copy of the fee waiver application to Family Mediation. Visit our website to apply.

TO REGISTER ONLINE: Visit www.lanecountyor.gov/mediation and follow links for Focus on Children.

TO REGISTER BY MAIL: Mail completed registration form **along with payment** by check or money order to Family Mediation: Focus on Children, 125 E 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

CONTACT INFORMATION: *Phone* (541) 682-4709 *Email* mediation@lanecountyor.gov

* Register early as classes fill up. *Parents cannot attend the same class.

* Attending both Focus on Children and mediation is required by the Courts.

REGISTRATION FORM – MAKE PAYMENT PAYABLE TO LANE COUNTY FAMILY MEDIATION

You are not registered until you receive class confirmation from Family Mediation

Full Legal Name (print): _____ Pronouns: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Other parent's full legal name: _____ Other parent's phone: _____

Do you have an attorney or private mediator? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, name: _____

DATES REQUESTED: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____

Special accommodations needed? _____

Office use: Date Processed _____ FOP _____ Class _____ E-Confirm _____ TXT-Confirm _____

ENFOQUE EN LOS NIÑOS Y

ORIENTACIÓN DE MEDIACIÓN FAMILIAR

Clase obligatoria para padres en proceso de divorcio, divorciados y separados

Todos los individuos están requeridos a inscribirse a esta clase, antes de cumplir 15 días de haber recibido este aviso.

Usted debe asistir por orden del Tribunal a Enfoque en los Niños si usted es padre de familia de un niño menor de 18 años, Y usted es una de las partes en una anulación o disolución de matrimonio o de pareja doméstica, separación legal, petición para establecer custodia o tiempo de crianza (incluida la paternidad), o litigios posteriores al juicio que involucren custodia y/o tiempo de crianza. La asistencia cumple con el programa obligatorio de educación para padres (Regla Local del Tribunal de Circuito de Lane County 8.012) y los requisitos de mediación familiar obligatoria (Regla Local del Tribunal de Circuito de Lane, 12.001).

Enfoque en los Niños (Focus on Children) ayuda a los padres de familia a responder a las necesidades de sus hijos y a disminuir los impactos negativos del divorcio y la separación. La clase también habla sobre los derechos y las responsabilidades de los padres de familia, la custodia, los planes de crianza, y ajustes familiares a nuevos arreglos de vivienda. El asistir a clases permite a los padres de familia tener acceso a mediación familiar gratuita para temas de custodia y plan de crianza en Family Mediation.

HORARIO: Los jueves por la noche, de 5:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.
Los martes por la mañana, de 9:00 a.m a 12:00 p.m.

UBICACIÓN: La clase Enfoque en Los Niños será presentada por Zoom. Recibiras un correo electronico con los detalles de la clase 1-2 dias antes de la seccion.

COSTO: \$80 por persona.

Un descuento del 50% o 100% puede ser otorgado dependiendo del ingreso y tamaño de su hogar. Primero tiene que aplicar para un "fee waiver" en la corte y después presentar la aplicación en las oficinas de Lane County Family Mediation o en su página de internet.

PARA INSCRIBIRSE EN LÍNEA: Visite www.lanecountyor.gov/mediation y siga los enlaces para Focus on Children (Enfoque en los Niños).

PARA INSCRIBIRSE POR CORREO: Envíe el formulario de inscripción completo junto **con el pago** por cheque o giro postal a Family Mediation: Focus on Children, 125 E 8th Avenue,, Eugene, OR 97401.

INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO: Teléfono (541) 682-4709 Correo electrónico mediation@lanecountyor.gov

* Inscribese lo más pronto posible que las clases se llenan. * Los padres no pueden atender la misma clase al tiempo.

* Atender la clase de Enfoque en los Niños y mediación es requerido por la corte de Lane County.*

FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN – HAGA EL PAGO A NOMBRE DE LANE COUNTY FAMILY MEDIATION

Usted no está inscrito sino hasta que reciba una confirmación de la clase de parte de Family Mediation

Nombre Legal Competo (letra imprenta): _____ Teléfono: _____

Dirección: _____ Ciudad: _____ Código Postal: _____

Correo electrónico: _____

Nombre Completo del Otro Padre: _____ Teléfono del Otro Padre: _____

¿Tiene un abogado o mediador privado? Sí _____ No _____ Nombre de abogado o mediador: _____

FECHA DESEADA: 1º preferencia _____ 2º preferencia _____ 3º preferencia _____

¿Necesita usted algun servicio especial? _____