

Oregon State Bar Judicial Voters Guide 2018

1) Full name:

Alexander Hamalian

2) Web site (if applicable):

www.alexhamalian2018.com

3) List college and law school attended, including dates of attendance, and degrees awarded.

89-92	Chico State University	Chico, CA	BA Phil. & Poly Sci.
92-95	Lewis & Clark Law	Portland, OR	J.D.

4) List employment since graduation from law school, including years employed, your position and the nature of the practice or activity.

1) 1/98 - 10/14	Matador Bar & Grill	Portland, OR	Bartender & Shareholder
2) 7/96 - Cur	Law Office of Alexander Hamalian	Portland, OR	Trial Lawyer & Managing Member
3) 98-14	RCDC / NCDC	Portland, OR Tillamook, OR	Chief Defender & Managing Member
4) 6/10-12/12	Fat Dog Pizza	Tillamook, OR	Pizza Cook, Proprietor

5) List state and federal bars, courts and administrative bodies to which you are currently admitted.

<u>Date of Admission</u>	<u>Bar</u>
1) 4/96	Oregon State Bar
2) 12/96	Washington State Bar
3) 9/98	US District Court – Oregon
4) 1/03	US District Court – Western Washington

6) If desired, list any publications and/or articles you have authored.

- 1) OCDLA Summer Seminar 2008 – Dealing With The Difficult Client (Ethics)**
- 2) OCDLA Major Crimes Practice Manual – Chapter on Defenses (2009)**
- 3) OCDLA DUII Practice Manual – Chapter on Best Business Practices (2006)**
- 4) OPDS Report From Conflict Work Group (Contributor) 2003-2005**

7) If desired, list any community, teaching or civic activities.

- 1) Community Legal Information Center – Program Director – Visited prisons throughout California and provided legal information to inmates. 6/90-6/92**
- 2) Classroom Law Project – Mock Trial – Coach: Franklin High 8/93 – 8/14**
- 3) Classroom Law Project – Mock Trial – Judge: Regional & State: 8/96 – 8/11**
- 4) Tillamook High School – Smoker Boxing Matches Judge 2009-2011**
- 5) Protester Defense Team - See State v. Ausmus 336 OR 493 (2003)**
- 6) Portland Organic Wrestling – Legal Counsel (Pro Bono) – 2002-2003**
- 7) Tillamook Food Bank Charity Drive 2009-2010**
- 8) OSB – Modest Means Committee 1997-2000 (See House Bill 301)**
- 9) OSB – Lawyer Referral Service Committee 1997- 2000**
- 10) WSBA – Corrections Committee 1999-2001**
- 11) OCDLA Legislative Committee 2007 – 2009**
- 12) OPDS – Conflicts Work Group 2003-2005**
- 13) Linton (NW) Neighborhood Association Legal Counsel (Pro Bono) 1999-2003 (Please See Linton v. City Of Portland LUBA Nos. 99-155, 99-156, 2002-33)**

8) What is the general character of your practice? If desired, please indicate any legal areas in which you concentrate.

Trial and Litigation - Criminal, Civil and Administrative. Concentration of work is in criminal litigation.

9) Describe any litigation practice in the last five (5) years and address both the courts and types of cases.

In the last five years I have litigated hundreds of cases before juries, judges and administrative bodies.

10) Describe any appellate court experience not included above.

I have litigated cases before The Oregon Court of Appeals, The Washington Court of Appeals and The Supreme Court of Oregon

11) Describe any experience serving as an arbitrator or mediator.

none

12) List any experience you have as a pro tem or municipal judge, and the names of the courts you have served.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEARINGS OFFICER

Administrative Law Judge, Pro-Tem: 1999 - 2001

- **Presided over animal control hearings and appeals**

CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

Circuit Court Judge, Pro-Tem: 2001 – 2003

- **Certified by the Supreme Court to preside over criminal matters**

13) List any bar association memberships, and if desired, any offices held or committee/project assignments.

Armenian Bar Association	Lisa Boyadjian P.O. Box 29111 Los Angeles, CA 90029 Phone: (626) 584-0043	Member
OCDLA	101 East 14th, Eugene, OR, 97401 Phone: (541) 686-8716	Member
WACDL	1511 3RD Ave. #503 Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 632-1302	Member

14) Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please give details. *Do not include or parking offenses or traffic violations for which a fine of less than \$500 was imposed.*

No

15) Have you ever been the subject of a formal disciplinary proceeding as an attorney? If so, please give the particulars and the result. ***Include only proceedings that were authorized for prosecution by the SPRB.*

No

16) Why do you want to be a judge?

I was raised in a blue-collar, working class, immigrant family. My parents had little formal education. All they wanted was for their two children to get a college education and succeed in life. Initially I did not heed their desires, hitting the streets at an early age. By the time I was 17 I had become an automotive machinist / mechanic, and was rolling in the world of drag racing and 4X4 competitions. It was the murder and loss of a close friend and musical mentor that brought me back to college and ultimately to law school.

As I practice in courts across the Pacific Northwest, I have routinely noticed that very few of the judges presiding over cases have the faintest idea of the troubles and issues faced by the immigrants, the working class parties and the victims that stand before them. These are the people who are nearly unrepresented on The Multnomah County Bench. I want to be a judge to bring an understanding of their struggle to the bench and in doing so craft remedies that benefit society, rather than tax it.

17) Briefly describe your philosophy of the judicial role, the qualities that are most important for the role, and the greatest challenges to the role.

Trial Judges need to evenhandedly apply the law, while at the same time keeping in mind fairness and the civil rights of all people. The best trial judges take the bench every workday with the only agenda being to call balls and strikes. This level of professionalism requires a judge to leave behind their politics, bent of their previous area of practice and, in some cases, worldview. It is these ideal philosophical qualities that are both the most important, and the greatest challenges to the role of a trial court judge.

18) Briefly describe a case, or a legal issue on which you worked, of which you are particularly proud, or which is reflective of your legal ability, work ethic, judicial philosophy, or temperament.

Protester Defense Team - See State v. Ausmus 336 OR 493 (2003)

19) Briefly describe an issue, related to Oregon's justice system, that concerns you, or that you have interest in working toward improving.

Establishing a meaningful Veterans Court in Multnomah County with the resources to honorably serve those soldiers should they enter the courtroom.

20) Briefly describe a legal figure, personal, fictional or historical, whom you admire and why.

Learned Hand – He stood by what he believed was right, just and lawful in the face of political opposition that was to his detriment.

21) State any other information that you regard as pertinent to your candidacy.

Transparency is not a fault. I am always willing to answer your questions of me as a candidate. Feel free to call anytime: 503-313-6522