

# Legally Trained Legislators

Contrary to widely held belief, lawyers make up less than 20 percent of those holding office in Salem. This is, and should be, an issue of great concern for the bar. Lawyers are uniquely qualified to serve in public office and to make significant contributions to the legal system. A lawyer’s education and experience provide the tools to recognize deficiencies in the system and to initiate corrective measures to improve the system. There is also a general ability to craft workable new laws out of legally complicated proposals and to understand the need for an independent judiciary, which is effective.

## State Elected Officials with Legal Training 16 Legislators with Legal Training in the 2003 Session

### Oregon Senate:

- Peter Courtney (D) Senate District 11, Salem
- Charlie Ringo (D) Senate District 17, Beaverton
- Kate Brown (D) Senate District 21,  
Clackamas and Multnomah County
- David Nelson, (R) Senate District 29, Morrow,  
Union, Wallowa County\*

### Oregon House of Representatives:

- Dennis Richardson (R) House District 4, Medford
- Rob Patridge (R) House District 6, Medford
- Floyd Prozandki (D) House District 8, Eugene
- Phil Barnhart (D) House District 11, Eugene
- Robert L. Ackerman (D) House District 13, Eugene
- Dan Doyle (R) House District 19, Salem
- Lane Shetterly (R) House District 23, Dallas
- Elizabeth Johnson (D) House District 31,  
Astoria to St. Helens\*
- Brad Avakian (D) House District 34, Beaverton
- Max Williams (R) House District 35, Tigard
- Randy Miller (R) House District 37, West Linn\*\*
- Greg Macpherson (D) House District 38,  
SW Portland, Lake Oswego

\* Indicates that the designated people have law degrees, but are not licensed to practice in Oregon.

\*\* Inactive OSB member

### Statewide Office

- Ted Kulongoski (D) Governor
- Hardy Myers (D) State Attorney General

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## 2003 Oregon Legislators

LEGISLATORS	DISTRICT #	REGION
<b>SENATE</b>		
Bill Fisher (R)	SD 1	Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson
Jason Atkinson (R)	SD 2	Jackson and Josephine Cty.
Lenn Hannon (R)	SD 3	Ashland
Tony Corcoran (D)	SD 4	Lane and Douglas Cty.
Bill Messerle (R)	SD 5	Coos, Douglas, Lane Cty.
Bill Morrisette (D)	SD 6	Lane and Linn Cty.
Vickie Walker (D)	SD 7	Lane County
Frank Morse (R)	SD 8	Benton, Linn
Roger Beyer (R)	SD 9	Clackamas, Linn and Marion Cty.
Jackie Winters (R)	SD 10	Salem
<b>Peter Courtney</b> (D)	SD 11	Salem
Gary George (R)	SD 12	Benton, Linn, Polk Cty.
Charles Starr (R)	SD 13	Hillsboro, Tigard
Ryan Deckert (D)	SD 14	Multnomah and Washington Cty.
Bruce Starr (R)	SD 15	Hillsboro
Joan Dukes (D)	SD 16	North coast
<b>Charlie Ringo</b> (D)	SD 17	Beaverton
Ginny Burdick (D)	SD 18	Multnomah and Washington Cty.
Richard Devlin (D)	SD 19	SW Portland, Lake Oswego
Kurt Schrader (D)	SD 20	Oregon City
<b>Kate Brown</b> (D)	SD 21	Clackamas and Multnomah Cty.
Margaret Carter (D)	SD 22	Multnomah Cty.
Avel Gordy (D)	SD 23	Multnomah Cty.
Frank Shields (D)	SD 24	Outer SE, NE Portland
John Minnis (R)	SD 25	Multnomah Cty.
Rick Metsger (D)	SD 26	Hood River, Clackamas Cty.
Bev Clarno (R)	SD 27	Deschutes Cty.
Steve Harper (R)	SD 28	Crook, Deschutes, Jackson Cty.
<b>David Nelson</b> (R)*	SD 29	Morrow, Union, Wallowa Cty.
Ted Ferrioli (R)	SD 30	Baker, Clackamas, Wasco Cty.
<b>HOUSE</b>		
Wayne Krieger (R)	HD 1	Curry, Coos, Douglas
Susan Morgan (R)	HD 2	Roseburg
Gordon Anderson (R)	HD 3	Josephine County
<b>Dennis Richardson</b> (R)	HD 4	Medford
<b>Rob Patridge</b> (R)	HD 6	Medford
Jeff Kruse (R)	HD 7	Lane and Douglas Cty.
<b>Floyd Prozanski</b> (D)	HD 8	Eugene
Joanne Verger (D)	HD 9	Florence to Coos Bay
Alan Brown (R)	HD 10	Tillamook, Yamhill
<b>Phil Barnhart</b> (D)	HD 11	Eugene
Elizabeth Beyer (D)	HD 12	Springfield
<b>Robert Ackerman</b> (D)	HD 13	Eugene
Pat Farr (R)	HD 14	Lane

**HOUSE (continued)**

Betsy Close (R)	HD 15	Albany
Kelley Wirth (D)	HD 16	Corvallis
Jeff Kropf (R)	HD 17	Linn, Marion Counties
Tootie Smith (R)	HD 18	South Clackamas County
<b>Dan Doyle</b> (R)	HD 19	Salem
Vicki Berger (R)	HD 20	West Salem
Billy Dalto (R)	HD 21	Salem
Cliff Zauner (R)	HD 22	Marion
<b>Lane Shetterly</b> (R)	HD 23	Dallas
Donna Nelson (R)	HD 24	McMinnville
Vic Backlund (R)	HD 25	Keizer
Jerry Krummel (R)	HD 26	South Washington County
Mark Haas (D)	HD 27	Beaverton
Jeff Barker (D)	HD 28	Beaverton
Mary Gallegos (R)	HD 29	Hillsboro, Beaverton
Aron Carleson (D)	HD 30	Hillsboro, Beaverton
<b>Elizabeth Johnson</b> (D)*	HD 31	Astoria to St. Helens
Elaine Hopson (D)	HD 32	North coast
Mitch Greenlick (D)	HD 33	Portland, Hillsboro
<b>Brad Avakian</b> (D)	HD 34	Beaverton
<b>Max Williams</b> (R)	HD 35	Tigard
<b>Randy Miller</b> (R)**	HD 37	West Linn
<b>Greg Macpherson</b> (D)	HD 38	SW Portland, Lake Oswego
Martha Schrader (D)	HD 39	Oregon City, Gladstone
Dave Hunt (R)	HD 40	Gladstone, Milwaukie
Carolyn Tomei (D)	HD 41	Milwaukie, SE Portland
Diane Rosenbaum (D)	HD 42	SE Portland
Deborah Kafoury (D)	HD 43	North, NE Portland
Gary Hansen (D)	HD 44	North, NE Portland
Jackie Dingfelder (D)	HD 45	NE Portland
Steve March (D)	HD 46	SE, NE Portland
Michael Schaufler (D)	HD 48	Outer SE Portland
Karen Minnis (R)	HD 49	Gresham, Troutdale
Laurie Anderson (D)	HD 50	Gresham
Linda Flores (R)	HD 51	Estacada, Gladstone
Patti Smith (R)	HD 52	Mount Hood
Ben Westlund (R)	HD 53	Deschutes County
Tim Knopp (R)	HD 54	Bend
George Gilman (R)	HD 55	South-central Oregon
Greg Smith (R)	HD 57	Northeast Oregon
John Mabrey (R)	HD 59	North-central Oregon
Thomas Butler (R)	HD 60	Southeast Oregon

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