

**Oregon State Bar**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Governors**

March 17, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Oregon State Bar Center

Tigard, Oregon

*The mission of the OSB is to serve justice by  
promoting respect for the rule of law,  
improving the quality of legal services, and  
increasing access to justice.*

**Open Agenda**

1. Call to Order
  
2. Public Policy Statements on Controversial Issues                      Inform

*The BOG will discuss when it is appropriate to engage in public discourse on  
controversial topics and how to do so.*

**OUTLINE FOR DISCUSSION**

**Question:** *How might the bar respond to controversial political issues that could have (or are having) an adverse impact on the judicial system?*

- A. Why is this issue being presented to the BOG?
  1. A mini-generative discussion. Try it out.
  2. President has the authority to speak on behalf of the BOG and OSB, however, given controversial nature of issues AND focus on inclusion, would like
    - a. BOG to be aware of issues raised and
    - b. BOG perspectives on approach
  
- B. Examples of controversial political issues that are having an impact on the judicial system
  - a. ICE round-ups
  - b. Disparagement of judges
  
- C. In order to encourage divergent thinking, responses to the question should begin with:
  - a. *It occurs to me...*
  - b. *I wonder...*
  - c. *What if...*
  - d. *I'm curious about...*