IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In re:	)	NO. 15-003
OREGON BENCH AND BAR	)	
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM	)	**ORDER**

THIS MATTER COMING BEFORE THE Court on application of the Oregon Bench and Bar Commission on Professionalism, and the Court finding that a comprehensive plan for fostering professionalism among lawyers continues to be in the best interest of the bar, the judiciary, and the citizens of Oregon, and further finding that there exists a need to update the Court's order No. 04-022.

Based on those findings, IT HEREBY IS ORDERED that the Court's order No.04-022, together with all subsequent amendments, shall be replaced with this order, and that said commission shall be established and function as follows:

I. PURPOSE

To promote among lawyers and judges principles of professionalism, including civility and commitment to the elimination of discrimination within the judicial system, and to ensure that the judicial system equitably, effectively, and efficiently serves the people of Oregon.

II. MEMBERSHIP

A. Standing Members

The Commission shall include the following standing members:

1. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or an Associate Justice designated by the Chief Justice;

2. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals or an Associate Judge designated by the Chief Judge;

3. The Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for Oregon or a District Judge or Federal Magistrate Judge designated by the Chief Judge;

4. The President of the Oregon State Bar or a member of the Board of Governors designated by the President.

5. The Executive Director of the Oregon State Bar or designee;

6. The Deans of the three Oregon law schools or designees;

7. The Chief Executive Officer of the Professional Liability Fund or designee; and

8. The Chair of the Multnomah Bar Association Committee on Professionalism or designee.

B. Appointed Members

1. The appointed members of the Commission shall be selected with regard to their reputations for professionalism, their past contributions to their communities, the bar, and the state, and to racial, ethnic, gender and geographic diversity.

2. The appointed members shall serve staggered three year terms.

3. The appointed members shall include fifteen members distributed as follows:

(a) Five state court judges appointed by the Chief Justice;

(b) Eight lawyers representing the practice areas of Oregon lawyers, including one with seven or fewer years of practice, appointed by the President of the Oregon State Bar, and

(c) One previous recipient of the Edwin J Peterson Professionalism Award.

(d) One public member who has demonstrated an interest in the goals of the Commission, jointly appointed by the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court and the President of the Oregon State Bar.

III. CHARGE OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall:

A. Periodically review and revise the Statement of Professionalism last approved by the Oregon Supreme Court on December 12, 2011;

B. Promote educational opportunities for lawyers, judges, and the public;

C. Promote professional and non-discriminatory conduct among members of the bar through education and training; and

D. Design and develop creative approaches to the promotion of professionalism and equality, including the implementation of programs to:

1. Prepare advisory opinions concerning professionalism issues;

2. Develop local bar groups to foster professionalism;

3. Provide through its members a resource for lawyers, judges, and members of the public on professionalism issues.

IV. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

A. The Commission shall meet regularly to conduct its business. The Commission shall attempt to conduct one or more of its meetings each year at one or more of the law schools in Oregon

V. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCING

A. The Commission shall have funds available to pay a portion of members' travel expenses and for secretarial and administrative assistance.

B. Expenses of the Commission will be paid by one or more of the following means:

1. Private donations;

2. Private or public endowment;

3. Project or special assistance grants;

4. In-kind contributions and assistance;

5. Fees and tuition charges for Professional CLE programs provided and sponsored by the Commission;

6. Special assessment on Ethics or other MCLE programs approved by the Bar;

7. Sale of The Statement of Professionalism by the Bar; and

8. Other sources.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2015.

Thomas A. Balmer
Chief Justice