

Functions of the Oregon State Bar

We are a regulatory agency providing protection to the public.

We are a partner with the judicial system.

We are a professional organization.

We are leaders helping lawyers serve a diverse community.

We are advocates for access to justice.

Mission

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

Values of the Oregon State Bar

Integrity

Integrity is the measure of the bar's values through its actions. The bar adheres to the highest ethical and professional standards in all of its dealings.

Fairness

The bar works to eliminate bias in the justice system and to ensure access to justice for all.

Leadership

The bar actively pursues its mission and promotes and encourages leadership among its members both to the legal profession and the community.

Diversity

The bar is committed to serving and valuing its diverse community, to advancing equality in the justice system, and to removing barriers to that system.

Justice

The bar promotes the rule of law as the best means to achieve justice and resolve conflict in a democratic society.

Accountability

The bar is accountable for its decisions and actions and will be transparent and open in communication with its various constituencies.

Excellence

Excellence is a fundamental goal in the delivery of bar programs and services. Since excellence has no boundary, the bar strives for continuous improvement.

Sustainability

The bar encourages education and dialogue on how law impacts the needs and interests of future generations relative to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence and improvement of the administration of justice.