

# Board of Governors

## Candidate Statement

for Region Number 4

*Candidate's Name*

John T. Bridges

*Law Firm Name (If Applicable)*

Brown, Tarlow, Bridges & Palmer P.C.

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Newberg, Oregon 97132

*Law School from which graduated*

Indiana University, School of Law

*Date Admitted to OSB*

1990



*List of candidate's professional and community activities, professional history and reason for running for this position.*

It would be an honor to serve the Oregon State Bar Association as a member of the Board of Governors for Region 4. I have a long history of professional and community engagement that I believe would make me a valuable member of the Board of Governors.

I grew up in a small community in Indiana where my father was a local lawyer and then Judge. That helped me form a clear picture of how a lawyer should be engaged not only in a dynamic and ever-changing profession, but also in their community.

Professionally, I have looked for opportunities to be involved both locally and statewide bringing an important perspective about the practice of law in a rural community. As a "small-town lawyer" you have a unique opportunity to help clients throughout the course of their lives. You can help a couple adopt a child, buy their first house, then years later form a business or prepare their estate plan.

I also have a long history of civic engagement and I believe those experiences will make me a good candidate for the Board of Governors. As an advisor then grant evaluator for the Oregon Community Foundation, I have gained great insight into the importance of diversity, women leadership, and the value non-profits play in our communities. This will be of great importance moving the Oregon State Bar forward.

**Professional** - Member of Oregon State Bar; U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon; Member of Real Estate and Land Use, Agriculture Law, and Debtor Creditor Sections of the Bar; Member and past President of Yamhill County Bar Association; Chair of the New Lawyer's Division of the Oregon State Bar, 1996; Circuit Court Judge Pro Tempore from 2010 to 2016; Previously served on the Chief Justice's Future of the Court Committee; and served on the Oregon State Bar's Strategic Planning Committee.

**Community** - Past President of the Evergreen Doe Humane Society; Member and past President of Newberg Earlybird Rotary Club; Past President of Newberg Earlybird Rotary Foundation; Past Member of Newberg School Facility Task Force; Past Member, Newberg Sign Advisory Committee; Member and past President of the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce; Member of Newberg Downtown Coalition; Member and past President of Providence Newberg Health Foundation Board; Served on the Regional Advisory Counsel for the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF); Yamhill County OCF Grant Reviewer since 2009; Chair of Newberg Urban Renewal Agency Ad-Hoc Committee.

*Candidate's Signature*

*Date*

6/19/2020

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Candidate certifies they reviewed ORS 9.025 and is eligible to serve on the Board of Governors if elected.