

Board of Governors

Candidate Statement

for Region Number _____

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

The world has changed since I passed the Bar. Things used to be "easier" because we all were able to simply follow the rules without thinking about the implications. Now I see many things that I believe the Board and Bar should consider looking at - finding solutions and not just doing studies or analyses. An issue is where does one draw the line. Is addressing an inherent bias in choosing jurors more a Bar function than an apparent failure to consider the financial difficulty in being a lawyer today? I think the Board should start some of these discussions and making changes that reflect the world we live in today. A partial list includes

1. Obviously, there are many issues with the treatment of non-whites in Oregon, a long time "white state." It is not enough to say we will increase the number of attorneys of color. The Bar as a whole needs to be looking at the unintended (or intended) consequences with the way the system works. Its not simply a case of increasing attorneys of color but of making sure the system works for everyone. T
2. Policing issues. Maybe police are scared, maybe they have biases, and maybe they need training but it's not working and we should find ways to make it work, and not simply say "no choke holds except if necessary." What does even that mean?
3. To further the rule of law - we cannot succeed or even survive without a clear statement what the law is and we cannot allow individuals to reinterpret that law in order to justify applying the rule of law differently. We need the rule of law to accomplish "liberty and justice for all" (remember the Pledge of Allegiance?)
4. More efforts to help lawyers survive in today's new world. Will the practice of law change in how we see clients (in person or on the phone) and how will trials change? How will small firms survive when competing with things like Rocket Lawyer-- not a bad product but my experience has shown that it is not necessarily perfect on Oregon law and people do not know what the legalese means- ultimately meaning that they are not getting the quality law our lawyers can provide. The economics of law firms have changed. The Bar needs to consider ways to make the practice of law more efficient and more satisfying, whether that means making rule changes or helping lawyers cope in difficult times.
5. Collegiality in many sectors has disappeared. Law is hard and the number of sad or devastating stories nearly insurmountable. What keeps an institution like the Bar going is having things that bring lawyers together for good times.

My bar activities stretch over a couple of decades and include chairing sections (energy/utilities, administrative law, corporate counsel section), participating on the Board, and working with Bar committees.

Candidate's Signature

June 19, 2020

Date