

Board of Governors

Candidate Statement

for Region Number 5

Candidate's Name

Rachel K. Sowray

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Law School from which graduated

University of Oregon School of Law

Date Admitted to OSB

October 8, 2009



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

Attorneys are the stewards of our laws & Constitutions, and we must strive to ensure that our work continues to uphold our democracy and communities' faith in the court system. OSB is a natural extension of this personal passion, which is why I am running to represent Region 5. I would be honored to earn your vote.

My diverse professional experience will add a unique lens and skill set. I wanted female crime victims to work with a female prosecutor dedicated to victim rights, which is why I went to law school. I prosecuted a variety of crimes while at the Washington County District Attorney's Office, specializing in domestic violence and stalking cases. Following that, I spent a year working at OPLA under both President Obama and President Trump. In 2017, the Social Security Administration hired me to prosecute fraud at the U.S. Attorney's Office where I am part of the Economic, National Security, and Cyber Crime Unit. I have learned the importance of considering the needs of all stakeholders when working toward a solution in a complex situation.

I innovate on access issues. When I identified a barrier to participating in our democracy -- the cost of childcare -- I founded a nonpartisan nonprofit, Politisit, to increase community engagement by parents. I managed the complex work of creating a new service to assist parents across Oregon, and I expanded the program to provide childcare to voters in states with long lines at polling stations.

I have experience with policymaking and board leadership. I have worked on domestic issues for U.S. Senators and lobbied on behalf of ODAA. I serve on the Federal Bar Association Board of Directors and the Multnomah County Auditor's Community Advisory Committee. I previously served on the Queen's Bench Board of Directors.

I promote enthusiasm for our legal system. I relished volunteering as a high school mock trial coach while I was a member of the Owen M. Panner American Inn of Court. I have the privilege of teaching constitutional law, including the Equal Protection Clause and First Amendment, at the University of Oregon School of Law.

I received my J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law, M.P.P. from George Washington University, B.A. from William & Mary, and a DEI in the Workplace Certificate from the University of South Florida.

Rachel K. Sowray

Candidate's Signature

May 10, 2022

Date