

# Board of Governors

## Candidate Statement

for Region Number 5

*Candidate's Name*

Megan Houlihan

*Law Firm Name (If Applicable)*

Perkins Coie

*Principal Office (Street, City)*

1120 NW Couch St, Portland, OR 97209

*Law School from which graduated*

Yale Law School

*Date Admitted to OSB*

2016



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

I am an attorney at Perkins Coie in Portland. I also have worked at two smaller Portland firms, litigating on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants. Before entering private practice, I clerked for federal judges at the trial and appellate level in Oregon and Alaska. I attended law school outside Oregon but always intended to return to the Pacific Northwest to spend my career as part of the Oregon State Bar.

I care deeply about promoting a culture of professionalism, integrity, and excellence within the membership of the OSB. To that end, I participate in the Owen Panner Inn of Court and lead a pupillage group focused on lessons lawyers can learn from literature, including Shakespeare's Richard III. I have an active pro bono practice that has included defending the OSB in constitutional litigation. I have volunteered in a couple different capacities with the OSB's Board of Bar Examiners. I currently serve on the OSB Constitutional Law Section's executive committee and as co-chair of the Section's CLE subcommittee. Looking to future members of the OSB, I have volunteered as a coach for Saint Mary's Academy's high school mock trial team.

I would be honored to serve as a Region 5 member of the OSB Board of Governors. If elected, I would work to ensure that the OSB remains inclusive and attentive to Oregonians' needs.

*Candidate's Signature*

5.9.23

*Date*