

Oregon State Bar Judicial Voters Guide 2020

1) Full name:

Marcia Buckley

2) Campaign web site (if applicable):

retainjudgebuckley.com

3) List college and law school attended, including dates of attendance, and degrees awarded.

Lewis and Clark College, 1982-1985, B.S. Economics, B.S. Business and Administrative Studies

Lewis and Clark College Northwestern School of Law, 1988-1991, J.D.

4) List employment since graduation from law school, including years employed, your position and the nature of the practice or activity.

2020-Present	Lincoln County Oregon Circuit Court Judge
2013-2020	Civil Practice Specializing in Domestic Relations
2009-2013	Lincoln County Oregon Chief Deputy District Attorney (Chair of Elder Abuse Team; Chair of Disabilities Abuse Team; Chair of Sexual Assault Response Team; Member Major Crime Team; Member of Crash Team)
1997-2009	Civil Practice Specializing in Domestic Relations
1993-1997	Lincoln County Oregon Deputy District Attorney
1991-1993	Multnomah County District Attorney's Office Support Enforcement Division

5) List state and federal bars, courts and administrative bodies to which you are currently admitted.

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6) If desired, list any publications and/or articles you have authored.

Co-Author Mediator Approaches and Ethics Chapter, Oregon State Bar Alternate Dispute Resolution Bar Book, 2019

7) If desired, list any community, teaching or civic activities.

2001-Present	Newport Rotary Club (Past President)
2012-Present	Lincoln County Foundation Board of Directors
2019-Present	Olalla Center Board of Directors
1993-Present	Lincoln County Bar Association
	2017-Present President
2019-Present	Member Newport Chamber of Commerce
2019-Present	Member Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce
2015-2020	Member Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board
2001-2015	Member Oregon State Bar Family Law Executive Committee
2011	Member Oregon State Bar Unlawful Practice of Law Subcommittee
2004-2008	Member Eureka Cemetery Board
2001-2003	Member Oregon State Bar Professional Responsibility Committee for Polk, Lincoln and Benton Counties
1994-2005	Coach, Newport High School Mock Trial Team

8) What is the general character of your practice? If desired, please indicate any legal areas in which you concentrate.

Prior to being appointed to the bench, I had a civil practice specializing in Family Law. I have also served as the Chief Deputy District Attorney for Lincoln County and as a Deputy District Attorney.

9) Describe any litigation practice in the last five (5) years and address both the courts and types of cases.

Over the course of the last 5 years prior to my appointment as a judge, I litigated many family law cases in circuit court.

10) Describe any appellate court experience not included above.

None.

11) Describe any experience serving as an arbitrator or mediator.

I have extensive experience in alternate dispute resolution, specifically mediation and arbitration. I was a mediator for 14 years, and an arbitrator for 12 years. I was a co-author of the Mediator Approaches and Ethics Chapter, Oregon State Bar Alternate Dispute Resolution Bar Book, 2019.

12) List any experience you have as a pro tem or municipal judge, and the names of the courts you have served.

None.

13) List any bar association memberships, and if desired, any offices held or committee/project assignments.

Member Lincoln County Bar Association 1993-Present.

President Lincoln County Bar Association 2017-Present

14) Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please give details. *Do not include or parking offenses or traffic violations for which a fine of less than \$500 was imposed.*

None.

15) Have you ever been the subject of a formal disciplinary proceeding as an attorney? If so, please give the particulars and the result. ***Include only proceedings that were authorized for prosecution by the SPRB.*

None.

16) Why do you want to be a judge?

Prior to becoming a Circuit Court Judge, I dedicated my 27 year legal career to helping people navigate their way through the court system. I helped crime victims and clients during emotional, difficult times, and protected the rights of those involved in our legal system. I firmly believe every person should have access to justice. As a judge, it has been my goal to do my part to make that happen each day I sit on the bench.

17) Briefly describe your philosophy of the judicial role, the qualities that are most important for the role, and the greatest challenges to the role.

I believe everyone should have access to justice, and is entitled to a fair, neutral, compassionate and experienced judge to hear their cases. It is important for a judge to be patient, and willing to listen. I want the litigants that appear before me to feel like they have been heard. One of the greatest challenges to the role is to have the ability to explain the process in a way that people can understand how the law works. Even temperament and good communication skills are two of the most important qualities a judge can have.

18) Briefly describe a case, or a legal issue on which you worked, of which you are particularly proud, or which is reflective of your legal ability, work ethic, judicial philosophy, or temperament.

When I was in private practice, some long-term clients came to me for help with a custody issue involving conflict with a state agency. The case also involved a foreign country. What started out as a simple custody dispute quickly turned into a complex case that made headlines for weeks with my pleadings appearing on the evening national news. It took many hours to develop legal theories and strategies for issues that wasn't covered by any caselaw. The case was eventually able to be resolved through alternate dispute resolution. Ultimately my clients were awarded custody of the little boy they had raised since infancy, and I look forward to receiving pictures and updates from this happy family.

19) Briefly describe an issue, related to Oregon's justice system, that concerns you, or that you have interest in working toward improving.

I believe access to justice is one of the most important issues related to Oregon's justice system. People need to be able to have the resources that will help them understand how the legal system works. Anybody can enter a courtroom, but those that do need to understand how the process works—from presenting a case to understanding what evidence is admissible to learning how to submit pleadings and exhibits. It is my goal to make the litigants that appear before me feel they have access to justice and an opportunity to be heard.

20) Briefly describe a legal figure, personal, fictional or historical, whom you admire and why.

After the events of the last week, I must voice my admiration for Ruth Bader Ginsberg, a true pioneer for women in the field of law. Her fairness, intelligence, and love of people are all traits that made her special.

21) State any other information that you regard as pertinent to your candidacy.

I have been a member of the Oregon State Bar for 28 years, 27 of which I was a trial attorney. Over the course of the last year, I have enjoyed my work as a Circuit Court Judge. I am proud to call Lincoln County my home. My husband and I raised our family here, and I care very much about my community. I believe experience matters. I have represented clients and families with compassion, knowledge and respect. I have fought for justice for children, disabled and elderly residents, and businesses. I have a proven track record of working with addicts, those who struggle with mental illness, and veterans. I genuinely care about the people in my community, and want to continue serving them as their circuit court judge.