

**RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK FOR
IN-PERSON SECTION EVENTS**

Anyone planning to attend a section event that will be held in-person and indoors (“in-person event”) must execute the following Release and Assumption of Risk. Electronic signatures will be accepted. Should an attendee not complete and return this Release and Assumption of Risk to the section prior to the in-person event, they may do so at the event site. If the section does not have an executed Release and Assumption of Risk from an attendee, that individual cannot attend the in-person event. Section chairs or designees are responsible for collecting and submitting attendees’ Release and Assumption of Risk form to OSB’s General Counsel’s Office before the in-person event or within three business days following the event date.

RECITALS

- A. The Oregon State Bar (the bar) and bar sections will take all steps necessary to comply with existing federal, state and local public health laws and orders designed to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.
- B. The bar will continually assess, based on current public health conditions, whether to postpone or cancel an event. While the bar will try to give sections sufficient notice of any changes, the prevalence of COVID-19 and COVID-19 variants have created a fluid environment that requires flexibility on the part of the bar and sections.
- C. Compliance with public health orders is only possible with the full commitment and cooperation of all sections.
- D. Upon an attendee’s request no later than 48 business hours prior to the date of an in-person event, sections are responsible for making reasonable accommodations available for virtual attendance under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**COVID-19 DECLARATION AND
RELEASE OF INFORMATION FOR COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING**

I, _____ hereby affirm that:

- 1. I understand sections are strongly encouraged to provide attendees with the option to remotely attend section events. I understand that sections are required to provide attendees with this alternative upon an attendee’s request for such a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 2. I agree I will not attend an in-person event if I have any reason to believe I have COVID-19.

For purposes of this declaration, an attendee has “reason to believe” the attendee has COVID-19 if:

- (a) Within 14 days of the section event, the attendee is exposed to an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19;
- (b) Within 14 days of the section event, the attendee has symptoms of COVID-19; or
- (c) The attendee has tested positive for COVID-19,

unless, a licensed health provider confirms that the attendee does not have COVID-19 or informs the attendee that the attendee is no longer contagious.

For purposes of this declaration, I agree “symptoms of COVID-19” means symptoms of COVID-19 identified by the United States Center for Disease Control, including without limitation:

- (a) cough,
- (b) shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
- (c) fever,
- (d) chills,
- (e) muscle pain,
- (f) sore throat,
- (g) headache,
- (h) new loss of taste or smell.

3. If I have reason to believe I have COVID-19, I acknowledge I will not be permitted to attend the in-person event.
4. If the bar determines that it is necessary to measure the body temperature of attendees before they enter a section event site, then I consent to having my temperature measured at that time, and agree that I will not attempt to enter the in-person event site unless and until my temperature has been measured and I have been approved for entry.
5. I have read and acknowledge the Oregon Health Authority’s regulations and guidance related to COVID-19, available at <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>. I have taken reasonable efforts to remain informed about all Oregon public health laws and orders related to COVID-19, and will continue to do so until I attend the section event.
6. I agree that upon request by any federal, state or local public health official engaged in contact tracing related to the spread of COVID-19, the bar may disclose my attendance at any portion of the in-person event, together with any email address and phone number I have provided to the bar.
7. I acknowledge that the bar’s policies, procedures and protocols for section events, are intended to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. I recognize that in order to ensure the safest environment possible, absent accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the bar must require all attendees to completely comply with these policies, procedures and protocols.

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS (NOS. 1-7) ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

_____ Attendee Signature

_____ Attendee Name

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 Attendee Bar Number (if applicable)

_____ Date

**RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK
FOR EXPOSURE TO OR INFECTION WITH
COVID-19 AT OREGON STATE BAR SECTION EVENTS**

I acknowledge that in spite of all of the policies and procedures in place to protect attendees, attending any in-person section event could lead to my exposure to or infection with COVID-19. COVID-19 and its variants, also known as Coronavirus, is a highly contagious virus and can result in serious illness, debilitating injury, or death.

I have evaluated my decision to attend the in-person event, in light of the risks of exposure to and infection with COVID-19, and I have consulted with my health providers about my individual risks as necessary. I understand that the section will facilitate remote participation as an alternative accommodation in lieu of in-person attendance at the section event under the Americans with Disabilities Act. I have decided to attend the section event in-person despite the risk of exposure to or infection with COVID-19.

I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS OF EXPOSURE AND INFECTION OF COVID-19 AND ITS VARIANTS, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND AGREE NOT TO HOLD THE OREGON STATE BAR, OR THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS (THE "OREGON STATE BAR PARTIES"), LIABLE FOR ANY COVID-19 RELATED ILLNESS OR INJURY. I ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS IN-PERSON SECTION EVENT.

I, FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY PARENTS, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ESTATE HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE OREGON STATE BAR PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL COVID-19 RELATED ILLNESS, INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY.

I have read the contents of this release and I sign this voluntarily and with full understanding of its contents.

Attendee Name (please print)

Attendee Signature

Date

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Attendee Bar Number (if applicable)