

Oregon State Bar
2023 Legislative Session Guidelines

Mission Statement: The Oregon State Bar Board of Governors must at all times direct its power to serve the public interest by (a) regulating the legal profession and improving the quality of legal services; (b) supporting the judiciary and improving the administration of justice; and (c) advancing a fair, inclusive, and accessible justice system.

To that end, the OSB Public Affairs Committee supports the following legislative goals:

1. Protect the public, the administration of justice and the rule of law.
2. Create meaningful access to justice and provide information about the law, legal issues, and the civil and criminal justice system.
3. Make Oregon laws more consistent and more uniform.
4. Improve the ability of attorneys to competently serve the interests of Oregonians.
5. Ensure efficient, competent and ethical delivery of legal services.
6. Foster diversity, equity and inclusion among legal service providers and in the justice system.
7. Support a fair and effective criminal justice system.
8. Promote the protection of privileged and confidential information while promoting access and education regarding public records.
9. Provide appropriate information and assistance regarding ethical issues to legislators, especially legally-trained legislators.
10. Improve the juvenile justice system and encourage better coordination between the different components of the system.