
OREGON STATE BAR

Board of Governors Agenda

Meeting Date: December 23, 2014
Memo Date: December 17, 2014
From: Danielle Edwards, Director of Member Services
Re: Board of Governors Region 4 Appointment

Action Recommended

Appoint a member from region 4 to serve on the Board of Governors for a term beginning January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2016.

Background

Caitlin Mitchel-Markley, Region 4 BOG Member, submitted her resignation from the board effective January 1, 2015. As provided in ORS 9.040 (5), the board must appoint a member to fill a vacancy that occurs 24 months or less before the expiration of the exiting member's term. Based on an open call for candidates the following members requested consideration for appointment to the open region 4 position.

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Board of Governors
Oregon State Bar

Re: Appointment to Board

Folks:

You have recently announced that the BOG is going to appoint someone to the Board. I am apolitical¹ as it relates to Bar related matters and do not even know why such an appointment is imminent. I assume someone who was serving is no longer serving, and the vacancy needs to be filled.

At this point in my life, if I can be of assistance to this facet of the legal system, I am willing.

By way of resume:

1967	Graduated Harvard University, CLGS
1970	Graduated University of Michigan Law School, Order of the Coif, Law Review, Magna Cum Laude
1971	Admitted to Ohio Bar
1972	Admitted to Oregon Bar
1972-1985	Practiced with the firm of Spears, Lubersky, Campbell, Bledsoe, Anderson and Young (first as an associate, then as a partner. In 1984 I decided to withdraw as a partner. I advised my partners that I did not wish to take any clients with me because I came to the firm that way. I stayed for about 9 months finishing cases and transferring relationships and left only with the matters that the firm did not want.)

¹ I find my ignorance somewhat "amusing." I was at a Stoll, Berne party a couple of years ago and was talking with Tom Balmer, with whom I had had a case several years before. He said he was reading a brief I had written. I asked why. He said he was interested in the case. (At the time it was pending before the Oregon Supreme Court, and oral arguments were scheduled.) I asked him why. He said he served on that court. I apologized and explained that I was not very politically involved. I later found out that he was the Chief Justice. (He is a really great fellow and seems to be an excellent Chief Justice. That was how I remembered him in private practice, too.)

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Approx. 1974-1976 On two occasions I graded Bar Exams, first for O. Meredith Wilson and then for Ron Marceau. It could have been a few years later.

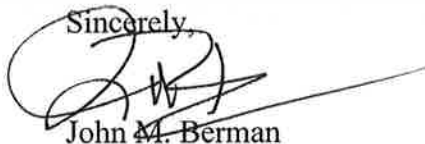
1985-Present Sole practitioner primarily engaged in trial work, mostly at the state level, but some at the federal level. Practice has been very wide ranging and has included appellate work

Several years ago I edited a CLE Insurance Law chapter on sureties. I recently served on the Yamhill County/Washington County LPRC. As I recall, each appointment was for a year, with a designated number of reappointments. During that period of time I oversaw two investigations and wrote two reports.

As a sole practitioner I have been able to devote time to some business interests, primarily in real estate. As a result of representing a very small, local minority bank (American State Bank), I manage its remnants for the benefit of the founder's wife and ex-wife. That has resulted in my overseeing the loaning of money to the real estate construction industry and some other small enterprises.

The primary question is whether my skill sets would be helpful. I know almost nothing about any specific issues that may be upcoming, in addition to the basic budgetary ones. I have no motivation to add to my sparse resume, meaning I see no "prestige" in being a member of the BOG.

Some of the members of the BOG may know me. If so, that would probably be a better source of insight than anything I might say. I think I am a pretty quick study, I spend the time to read materials and I have had wide ranging interests that might bring different perspectives to bear.

Sincerely,

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October 6, 2014

Re: OSB Board of Governors Election, Region 4

To the Members of the Bar for Region 4,

I am running for the vacant Board of Governors position for Region 4. I write today to ask you to consider voting for me as your BOG representative. I am an experienced, active trial lawyer who is engaged in the Oregon State Bar community, and I will fight for your interests.

First, let me tell you a little about my background. I was born and raised in New York State, and I attended undergrad at Arizona State University. I graduated in 1997 with a BA in History, and then attended Fordham Law School in New York, graduating in 2000.

After graduating, I worked as a Staff Attorney at the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit for two years. I then went into private practice, working in a boutique labor and employment firm, and eventually went out on my own, focusing on criminal defense.

In 2011, my wife and I decided to move out west, and our decision was made easy by the culture, people and landscape here in Oregon. We now live in Aloha, and only grow to love Oregon more each day. It is, we believe, the best decision we made in our lives, and we truly consider ourselves, and our children, Oregonians.

When we moved I began working for Janet Hoffman and Associates, LLC, a white-collar criminal defense firm. In 2012 I went out on my own again, and I joined the Oregon Defense Attorney Consortium (ODAC) in 2014. As a member of ODAC, I receive appointed major felony cases in Hillsboro, and am constantly in the Washington County Circuit Court. My principal office is in Hillsboro, and I am an active member of the Washington County Bar Association.

Since moving to Oregon I have been active in the Oregon State Bar. I am currently in my second term as the President of the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association. In that role, I have worked hard to help diversify our bar by recruiting attorneys to Oregon, encouraging young attorneys to practice

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here in Oregon, and promoting our attorneys who are successful for political positions. I am a member of OWLS, OGALLA, OAPABA, the MBA, the WCBA and am on the Equality and Diversity Committee for the MBA. Locally, I am a board member for the Literary Arts Writers In the Schools (WITS) program, which works to provide literature and writing seminars for young students in the metro area high schools. I am currently teaching trial advocacy at Lewis & Clark Law School, and I also coach Lewis & Clark Mock Trial teams in inter-school competitions nationally.

I believe our region, which covers a vast amount of territory, needs leadership to promote and enrich the quality of life and practice for our residents. As Region 4 members, we have unique interests specific to the communities we represent on a daily basis. I have worked hard over the last few years to become familiar with the leaders in our bar, and have worked to become a familiar face to them. If you vote for me, you will have a representative that is known to the Oregon State Bar community to be fair, hard-working, ethical and someone who understands the interests of those he represents.

A vote for me would be a vote for active, conscientious representation in the BOG. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,



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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office of Ramón A. Pagán

Attorney

- Solo criminal defense practice in Portland, Oregon
- Member, Oregon Defense Attorney Consortium
- Jury trials in Measure 11 matters for Clackamas and Washington Counties

September 2012 - Present
Portland, OR

Janet Hoffman & Associates, LLC

Associate

- White collar criminal defense practice in Portland, Oregon
- Prepare and argue motions in both state and federal court in criminal matters
- Conduct extensive pre-trial discovery and motions practice in complex case litigation
- Matters include environmental crimes, narcotics, fraud, sexual abuse and child abuse

May 2011-September 2012
Portland, OR

Pagan & Pagan, Attorneys at Law

Partner

- Criminal defense practice in multiple jurisdictions
- Active member of 18b Felony Panel, Bronx County
- Personally handled hundreds of state and federal criminal cases
- Personally tried multiple federal and state felony cases to jury verdict
- Case of interest: *United States v. Lorenzo*, 534 F3d 154 (2d Cir. 2008) (conviction reversed on sufficiency grounds, judgment of acquittal granted)

2004 – 2010
Bronx, NY

Law Office of Neal Brickman

Associate

- Title VII and commercial litigation in state and federal court
- Drafted complaints, conducted depositions, drafted motions for summary judgment and execution of final judgments, personally handled all aspects of federal and state litigation practice.

2002 - 2004
New York, NY

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Staff Attorney's Office

Law Clerk

- Drafted bench memoranda on motions made to the Circuit Court
- Responsible to all circuit judges on issues ranging from habeas corpus to class certification

2000 – 2002
New York, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lewis & Clark Law School

Adjunct Professor, Mock Trial

- Teach Mock Trial class and run intra-school competition
- Coach trial advocacy teams for national competitions
- Assist in administration of trial advocacy program

2011- Present
Portland, OR

Fordham University, School of Law

Adjunct Professor

- Coached trial advocacy teams competing on behalf of Fordham.
- Assisted in administration of Brendan Moore Advocacy Center, founded by Thomas Moore of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston and Moore.

2001 – 2011
New York, NY

LEGAL INTERNSHIPS

Honorable Sonia Sotomayor
United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
Intern

Fall 1999
New York, NY

- Assisted in drafting of bench memoranda and other legal documents for chambers
- Assisted in legal research and file review for Judge and clerks

Kings County District Attorney's Office
Summer Intern

Summer 1999
Brooklyn, NY

- Assisted felony assistants in trial preparation, including witness preparation, legal research, and evidence
- Personally responsible for over 50 misdemeanor cases

EDUCATION

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
J.D. May 2000

Honors:

Best Advocate, 1998, Fordham Unemployment Action Center
Brendan Moore Advocacy Program: Competitor and Coach

Activities:

Latin American Law Students Association
Intellectual Property Law Journal

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
B. A., History, 1997

Honors:

Dean's List, 1996, 1997

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the following Bar Associations:

- Oregon State Bar Association
- Multnomah Bar Association
- Oregon Hispanic Bar Association, President 2013-2014
- Federal Bar Association
- Member of the Following Organizations and Committees
- Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association: Amicus Committee
- Multnomah Bar Association: Equality and Diversity Committee

Admitted to practice in the following bars:

- New York State, 2002
- Oregon State, 2010
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Oregon
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Western District of New York