

Oregon State Bar



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The Oregon State Bar would like to thank all Section volunteers for their service. Sections are vital to the ability of the bar to provide both member and public services and to keep the organization responsive to the needs of its members, the courts, and the bar. To all 2014 Section members, thank you for your time and expertise.

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Administrative Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In addition to publishing a quarterly newsletter describing recent judicial opinions and developments within administrative agencies and the Office of Administrative Hearing, the section co-sponsored the first annual joint Administrative Law Institute with the Washington State Bar. The Institute was a one-and-a-half day CLE program covering current trends and developments in the law. The institute was well attended with more than 100 lawyers in attendance, with a fairly equal split between Oregon and Washington bar members. Feedback about the various presenters and the written materials was quite favorable.

The section's other major activity was work on the implementation of ORS 183.471, which requires state agencies to maintain their final orders in an electronic format and produce them to the Oregon State Bar on request. The section authored the legislation that brought this about, and worked to produce a list of agencies to target for placement on Fastcase, so that they will be available to members of the bar in a searchable format. The section did all of the work necessary to make this happen, including the drafting of a template letter request to the agencies; unfortunately, Fastcase has not performed as they have promised to do. The section is working with bar counsel to resolve these problems.

Budget:

Details for the budget can be found in the Treasurer's report. The section's major expenditure was for the Fastcase pilot program of 6 state agencies' final orders. Unfortunately, the Administrative Law Institute was not a financial success; we recently learned that we have a deficit of approximately \$2500 for the program. The Executive Committee has not requested an increase in section dues.

Legislative issues:

As noted, the section's previous legislative initiative was codified as ORS 183.471. We have drafted placeholder legislation in the event that amendments to that legislation are needed.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Pending matters include co-sponsorship, with the Oregon Association of Administrative Law Judges, of the 2015 annual meeting in Portland of the American Association of Administrative Law Judges.

Recommendations for 2015:

Additional work will be required to bring the Fastcase project to fruition, with access to agency orders for members of the bar.

Any other comments:

The Executive Committee recently approved free section membership for law students.

Respectfully submitted: Denise G. Fjordbeck (CH), Janice Krem (CH-Elect), James E. Mountain (Past CH), Allan J. Arlow (TR), Judith A. Parker (SEC), Matthew Barber, Cortney D. Duke-Driessen, Sivhwa Hwa Go, Ellen H. Grover, Dennis Koho, Jeffrey B. Litwak, John M. Mann, Andrea "Ondie" N Ogston, James Oleske, Norman R. Williams, R. Ray Heysell (BC), Amy H. Zubko (BL).

Admiralty Section

Activities and accomplishments:

CLE planned for 15 Dec 2014. The CLE speakers and topics are:

Kent Roberts, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt: "Subchapter M Towing Vessel Inspection Regulations - potential impact on claims and litigation."

John Dudrey, Williams Fredrickson LLC: "Uninsured Employer Liabilities under the LHWCA."

Thomas McDermott, Lindsay Hart, LLP: "Recent Developments re seaman status."

Budget:

The section dues are \$15. An expenditure of \$100 is anticipated for the annual meeting and CLE, scheduled for 15 Dec 2014. Room rental is \$50. Refreshments will be served.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The annual meeting and CLE are the principal activities of the section.

Recommendations for 2015:

Maintain steady course.

Respectfully submitted: Todd A. Zilbert (CH), Darien S. Loiselle (Past-CH), John J. Breiling (TR), John R. Dudrey (SEC), Nancy R. Walseth, Ray Heysell (BC), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Agricultural Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2014, the Ag Law Section continued its pursuit of providing educational opportunities to its membership. The Section held its annual CLE on May 16 in The Dalles, Oregon. Topics focused on CZARA legislation and Ag Water Quality in Oregon; Ag liens and Hot Goods.

Budget:

The Section entered 2014 with funds totaling \$4301. The Section's budget anticipated \$2040 in revenue through membership dues and \$2355 in expenses. Budget numbers reported at the Annual Meeting in November suggest the Section will end the year ahead of budget by approximately \$900.

Legislative issues:

The Section did not expressly address any legislative issues in 2014. Members of the Executive Committee, together with the Section's legislative contact, monitored items of interest to the Section.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section committed to expand its outreach to members and provide increased educational opportunities. A subcommittee on membership development continued to identify educational opportunities. The Executive Committee currently plans to begin quarterly CLEs.

Recommendations for 2015:

The Section should continue to pursue its goal of increased educational services to the Section. Because the corpus of the Section's membership resides in and around the City of Portland, the Section should endeavor to provide at least three outreach events in the Portland area in 2015; and to utilize the web site and list serve for educational purposes for the section members.

Respectfully submitted: Helen Nelson (CH), Karin E. Dallas (CH Elect), Wyatt E. Rolfe (Past CH), Michael J. Gelardi (TR), Mary Anne Nash (SEC), Joseph H. Hobson Jr, Caroline Lobdell, Andrew G. Martin, Jeffrey C. Misley, Brandy Augusta Sargent, Brent H. Smith, Williams, Heath Curtiss (ADV), Timothy L. (BC), Dani Edwards (BL),

Animal Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Animal Law Section hosted a CLE in October featuring speaker Geordie Duckler. We also had a "mini CLE" about the Oregon Court of Appeals decision in State v. Newcomb.

The Section participated in events designed to recruit new members: A SALDF/Animal Law Review social hosted by MillerNash, a social event at Lewis & Clark for students to learn about the OSB Sections, and the OSB swearing in ceremony for new admittees. We sent personal invitations to potential new members who expressed interest in joining our Section.

The Section leadership continues without significant change, though with some new faces on the Executive Committee for 2015:

Chairperson – Amy L. Davidson (12/31/2015), Chair-Elect – Jacyn Leeds (12/31/2015), Secretary – Denise Luk (12/31/2015), Treasurer – Stacy McKerlie (12/31/2015), Past Chair – Trish Lulay (12/31/2015)

Executive Committee at-large Members – Adam Karp, Lisa A. Frost, Emily Elison, Ted K. Martin, Shawna Rene Meyer, Mark Pilliod, Diana Arija Vitolins, and Alissa Migliore Weaver. EC members Nick Kahl and Robert Simon left the EC. Nick was replaced with Mark Pilliod.

The Section leadership has worked hard to recruit and maintain EC members from all parts of the state: Mark Pilliod from Sisters, Ted Martin from Malheur County; Lisa Frost and Alissa Weaver from Jackson County; and Daina Vitolins from Crook/Deschutes County. These members mean the Section leadership is now present in both rural and urban communities throughout the state.

Budget:

We have 65 paying members and 8 non-paying student members. We have \$3,445 in the bank, and plan approximately \$2,300 in 2015 expenses, which includes \$600 for web hosting services, \$1,000 for CLE expenses, and \$200 for outreach programs.

Overall, we had a loss this year of \$1,285, and we need to minimize expenses and increase profits from CLEs. Next year we would like to see an increase to 70 paying members and a \$500 return on CLEs. If these goals are not met, we will be operating at a loss.

We did not budget any expenses related to our internship program, as there has been no recent discussion of continuing that program.

Legislative issues:

Lisa Frost, our Legislative Committee chair, wrote an Opinion piece in the Medford Mail Tribune. She also appeared at a Medford city meeting to present opposition to proposed breed-specific legislation. Ultimately, the city chose to draft “dangerous dog” legislation instead of breed-specific legislation.

Lisa also worked with the Jackson County Animal Control Advisory Committee to legislate more stringent kennel regulations, including additional staffing and leash requirements.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

We renewed our contract with Craig Gottlieb to host and manage our website. In 2015 the Section may want to consider migrating our website hosting to OSB to save some money. The Section approved adopting a more “standard” rotation for EC members starting in 2015: Member-at-Large to Secretary to Chair Elect to Chair. The Section approved a pending travel reimbursement, but voted to institute a no-reimbursement policy for EC members’ travel expenses moving forward

The largest pending matter for the Section to take up is the Washington State Bar Animal Section’s “Regional Summit” conference on animal law issues. Member Adam Karp is working on this through his position with the Washington State bar and has asked for our Section to agree to send a delegate to the Summit, planned for spring 2015. The EC approved a \$300 reimbursement to send a delegate, although we clarified that the approval of a reimbursement is not a guarantee of our participation.

Recommendations for 2015:

The Section needs to work on maintaining/increasing membership and needs to continue posting quality material to the website, since it gets good traffic. We should also consider migrating the website to OSB hosting in order to save some money. The Section will also need to work on promoting CLEs more to get better attendance.

For EC meetings, we need to try and host them in geographically diverse locations and encourage in-person attendance. We should also try and have some phone/call-in meetings between the scheduled

in-person meetings to encourage more participation and attendance.

We have three scheduled 2015 meetings:

February 20, 2015—Executive Committee Meeting in Eugene

June 19, 2015—Executive Committee Meeting in Bend

September 19, 2015—Annual General Membership Meeting and CLE; Executive Committee Meeting in Portland

Respectfully submitted: Patricia Lulay (CH), Kathryn A. Hall (CH-Elect), Michael B. Gottlieb (TR), Emily E. Elison (SEC), Amy L. Davidson, Lisa A. Frost, Ted K. Martin, Shawna Rene Meyer, Mark E. Pilliod, Daina Arija Vitols, Alissa Migliore Weaver, James C. Chaney (BC), Kay Pulju (BL).

Appellate Practice Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2014, the Appellate Practice Section membership remained steady, with 360 members. According to the budget, 353 are paid members.

The section again offered two CLEs: The first was held in February, and covered significant Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions. The final event was held in November at the Governor Hotel, in conjunction with the annual appellate bench/bar social event, and featured retiring judge Robert Wollheim and new appointee, Judge Meagan Flynn. The CLE was primarily organized by executive committee members Jona Maukonen and Sara Kobak, with help from Robyn Aoyagi. Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt and Tonkon Torp co-sponsored the tab for beer and wine.

In addition to the CLEs, the section sponsored a reception for the retirement of Judge David Shuman and a welcome to the four newly-appointed Oregon Court of Appeals judges. The section also sponsored Justice Linder to attend the Appellate Judges Education Institute summit in San Diego.

The section also attempted to transition from a paperback Alamance to a digital format. The current digital version remains on the section’s website, and contains judges’ profiles. Additional articles are pending.

Finally, the section continues to coordinate the Appellate Court Pro Bono Program. The section

issued certificates of appreciation to those attorneys who took cases through the program.

Budget:

The section ended 2013 with a balance of \$7,937. In 2014, it repeated donations of \$500 each to the Classroom Law Project and Campaign for Equal Justice. The section also added a new donation to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. Although sponsorship of Justice Linder's attendance at the Appellate Judges Education Institute represented a significant cost, it replaced the Almanac printing cost, which was not incurred due to the digital transition.

The section projects an end-of year fund balance of approximately \$6,862. At the final meeting of the year, a 2015 budget was projected to include the same expenses and revenues as actual for 2014.

Legislative issues:

The section was proud to help the bar develop legislative proposals affecting the filing of notices of appeal. Specifically, the committee helped draft language to bring consistency between the Oregon Rules of Appellate Procedure and the Oregon Revised Statutes. The section also helped develop new amendments to the Oregon Rules of Appellate Procedure involving the eFiling process.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

At the final executive committee meeting of 2014, the committee addressed issues that will require further attention during the course of 2015.

The section will aim to provide again CLE's plus an annual social event with the appellate judges. The committee will query the judges about when, where and what type of event would produce the best attendance. The committee will also further investigate the interest in maintaining an Appellate Almanac.

The committee also selected replacements for the committee for 2015 where necessary, and nominated a new roster for executive officers for 2015.

Recommendations for 2015:

The above discussion notes several issues that will deserve continued attention for 2015.

By section vote, the incoming executive committee members will be:

Chair – Robyn Ridler Aoyagi, Chair-Elect – Cody Hoesly, Past Chair – Theodore P. Heus, Secretary – Sara Kobak, Treasurer – Jona Jolyne Maukonen, Member – Neil Byl, Member – Julie A. Smith, Member – Christine Moore, Member – Jonathan Henderson, Member – Eli Stutsman, Member – Stephen P. Armitage, Member – Beth Cupani, Member – Derek Douglas Green, Member – Anna Marie Joyce, Member – J. Aaron Landau

Respectfully submitted: Theodore P. Heus (CH), Robyn Ridler Aoyagi (CH-Elect), Julene M. Quinn (Past-CH), Jona Jolyne Maukonen (TR), Sara Kobak (SEC), Stephen P. Armitage, Neil Francis Byl, Beth Cupani, Derek Douglas Green, Cody Hoesly, Anna Marie Joyce, J Aaron Landau, Sarah Peterson, Julie A. Smith, Eli D. Stutsman, Meagan A. Flynn (ADV), Lisa E. Lear (ADV), James C. Chaney (BC), Julie Hankin (BL).

Aviation Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Executive Committee meets at noon on the last Thursday of each month at the Oswego Lake Country Club. All Section members are invited as it is an open forum for discussions pertaining to local and national aviation law related issues.

The Section is closely affiliated with the Aviation Section of the King County Bar Association. This year the 41th Annual Pacific Northwest Aviation Law and Insurance Seminar was held at Alderbrook Resort and was well attended by OSB lawyers from all over the Northwest. Speakers from as far away as the Isle of Man attended and there was myriad of law and insurance related aviation topics.

This Section also coordinated a private tour of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) facilities at Seattle Center in Renton, Washington, and the Portland Tower at Portland International Airport.

This Section also taught the Aviation Law Seminar at Lewis & Clark Law School.

A number of Section members continue to be interactive with the Lawyer Pilot Bar Association, a national association of lawyers specializing in Aviation Law and related fields.

Budget:

The Section received approximately \$1,274 in dues during the year. Revenues were used to underwrite the cost of the annual meeting, and an

administrative support fee assessed by OSB.

Legislative issues:

The Section continuously monitors the Oregon Legislature for aviation-related legislation and also monitors the Oregon Aeronautics Division in Salem, Oregon.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section will continue its collaboration and possible co-sponsorship of the annual Pacific Northwest Aviation Law Seminar with the Aviation Section of the King County Bar Association for the 2015 seminar.

Recommendations for 2015:

The Section will continue to support the annual Pacific Northwest Aviation Law CLE Seminar in 2015.

The Section will continue to monitor the Oregon Legislative Sessions for aviation-related matters.

The Section will continue to hold open meetings on a monthly basis.

Respectfully submitted: James B. Fisher (CH), Philip A. Rush (CH-Elect), Steven L. Myers (Past-CH), Christine Tracey (TR), Donald B. Bowerman (SEC), Roderick A. Boutin, Alfred Frank Bowen III, Matthew K. Clarke, Thomas E. Cooney, Thomas J. Flaherty, Robert B. Hopkins, Spencer Karel, Sue McKeon, Timothy E. Miller, Stuart W. Smith, A Richard Vial, Jonathan M. Hoffman (ADV), John C. Hutchison (ADV), Barbara Ann Jacobson (ADV), David J. Sweeney (ADV), Patrick Joseph Ehlers Jr (BC), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Business Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Executive Committee recently revised its business plan, including its mission, which is as follows: "To service the diverse group of members of the Business Law Section (the "Section") throughout the State of Oregon by (i) providing regular, timely, and useful information about the practice of business law, (ii) promoting quality lawyering and professionalism among business lawyers, in part through facilitating communication and networking among its members, (iii) advocating improvements to Oregon's business laws, and (iv) supporting Oregon's business infrastructure and business community.

In 2014, the Section carried out its mission through activities of its Executive committee and its

subcommittees, consisting of: Planning Committee (chaired by David Ludwig), CLE Subcommittee (chaired by Kenny Haglund), Newsletter/Website (chaired by David Kopilak), Social (co-chaired by Lorie Harris Hancock and Holly Franklin) and Legislative (chaired by Chris Hall). Highlights of such activities include: Annual full-day CLE on various business topics (held Nov. 7, 2014); Issuance of James B. Castles Leadership Award to Carmen Calzacorta at the Section's annual meeting; Hosting two social events (one social event, located in the Portland metropolitan area, for Section members to network with accountants and co-hosted by our Section and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants and another joint social/CLE event, located in the Bend area); and Successful endeavor with respect to legislative improvement (described in more detail in "Legislative Issues" below).

Budget:

The Section has approximately 1,020 members in 2014 (compared to 990 members in 2013) and expects to continue at that level in 2015. Section revenues, generated primarily through member dues, are budgeted to be \$29,250 in 2015. Section expenses through the 2014 year-end to be approximately \$55,600; expenses for 2015 are budgeted to be approximately \$44,204.

Legislative issues:

Based on the activities and recommendations of the Legislative Sub-Committee, the Executive Committee sponsored the following three legislative improvement proposals for consideration and adoption in the 2015 legislative session: (i) streamlining the requirements to file a plan of merger, plan of share exchange or plan of conversion; (ii) clarifications to the dissenters' right statute; and (iii) a provision providing for the ratification of defective corporate acts (which, after approval, was tabled as we learned that an amendment to the Revised Model Business Corporation Act is being drafted to address this issue and we concluded that delaying adoption until the amendment was available was more prudent).

The Section regularly considers, and will continue to do in 2015, whether law improvement bills in the areas of the Oregon Business Corporation Act and the Oregon LLC Act are appropriate.

Recommendations for 2015:

In 2015, the Section will continue to explore ways to fulfill its mission and is currently in the

process of evaluating an offering of additional CLE opportunities beyond its annual full-day CLE along with other methods of disseminating relevant practice information to replace the Section's newsletter. In addition, along with our annual full-day CLE, the Section will again solicit and review nominations for a worth recipient of the James B. Castles Leadership Award. The Section anticipates expanding (i) opportunities for networking through social events, in multiple venues throughout Oregon (i.e., in addition to the events held in Portland and Bend), and (ii) extending the Section's reach to other parts of Oregon through recruitment of Section members throughout the state.

Respectfully submitted: Benjamin G. Lenhart (CH), David S. Matheson (CH-Elect), Ambyr M. O'Donnell (Past CH), Kenneth R. Haglund (TR), Tyler John Volm (SEC), Justin B. Denton, Holley Young Franklin, Lorie Harris Hancock, Edward Charles Impert, James M. Kearney, Dave Kopilak, David R. Ludwig, Matthew E. Newell, Valerie Sasaki, Kyle D. Wuepper, Joshua L. Ross (BC), Dani Edwards (BL).

Civil Rights Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Civil Rights Newsletter

This year we continued publication of the Civil Rights Section's Newsletter, producing three newsletters in March, June, and November. While we typically produce four newsletters, our June issue was larger than usual and it included additional material regarding our the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and our Public Forum, resulting in greater costs for that issue.

Spring Public Forum

We organized and hosted a Public Forum in July entitled "Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon?: A Hidden History." Our guest speaker for the event was author and professor, Walidah Imarisha. The event was held at the Matt Dishman Community Center and was widely attended by more than 150 persons! The Northwest Freedom Singers opened the event, by singing three songs from the civil rights movement, which the crowd loved. The additional efforts the Committee made to publicize the event with local media paid off. And, Professor Imarisha was dynamic and her presentation encouraged a lively discussion with the public. Her appearance fee of \$250 goes towards her work as a

fellow with the Oregon Historical Society.

Fall CLE

We organized and co-sponsored an all-day CLE with the Federal Bar Association (FBA) entitled: "Honoring The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Its Living Legacy." The CLE was held in the Juror Assembly room at the federal courthouse in Portland, and had attendance of about 65 people. The seminar explored a range of civil rights topics: Emerging Issues in Fair Housing Discrimination; Post-Conviction Collateral Consequences and Reentry Programs; The Intersection of Sex Trafficking and Child Abuse; Marriage Equality and Beyond; and National Security and Challenges with Security Civil Liberties.

While the CLE received sponsorship assistance from several law firms and practitioners, the CLE's costs prohibited any significant profit this year as we paid expenses for two out of town speakers, and included lunch during the CLE. We were also calculating an approximately 20 participants would register, which unfortunately did not occur. Partnering with the FBA greatly assisted in dividing the numerous tasks in planning and organizing an all-day CLE, and we are very grateful for their partnership over the last three years.

Lunch-Hour Series

The committee also continued to organize and sponsor a seven-part lunch hour FREE CLE series aimed at increasing diversity in the plaintiff's civil rights bar. The goal of this effort is to provide lawyers interested in civil rights with a basic framework on certain substantive areas of civil rights law, as well as to create some informal relationships between experienced lawyers (the speakers) and inexperienced lawyers (the participants). Dynamic and experienced speakers who gave an introduction to the area of practice, provide case examples, and distributed materials presented each of the hour-long CLE programs. Judge Angel Lopez graciously offered use of his courtroom for the series. Each guest speaker also volunteered his or her time. The Bar audio-taped the presentations for future distribution. The topics and speaker are: Employment Law – Dana Sullivan, Prisoner Litigation – Lynn Walsh, Public Accommodations/ADA – Dennis Steinman, Whistleblower Protections – Mitra Sharhi, Fair Housing – Matthew Ellis, Section 1983, 191, and 1988 Litigation – Ashlee Albies.

Contributions

The Committee made a \$500 contribution to the Campaign for Equal Justice.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Matters Considered

The Committee considered and discussed proposing a proclamation or resolution supporting gay marriage in Oregon. After consultation with the Oregon Gay and Lesbian Association (OGALLA) and Basic Rights Oregon, as well as considering Judge McShane's decision in *Geiger v. Kitzhaber*, it was determined that such proclamation was not necessary or useful to the cause.

The Committee considered and voted to open up our membership to law students, free of charge. During an outreach event at Lewis & Clark law school, we learned that many other bar sections offer complimentary members to law students, but that we had not done so in the past.

The Committee considered raising our Section Membership Dues and unanimously voted against it. Our section currently has one of the highest costs for membership.

The Committee considered various barriers to a proposal from 2013 of creating an attorney referral / mentorship pool for civil rights cases being handled by junior/less experienced attorneys. The Committee decided to create instead an informal mentorship contact list so that newer attorneys would have contacts of more experienced attorneys in various civil rights subject areas.

Matters Pending

The Committee is considering whether or not to continue with the Lunch Hour CLE series next year. While the CLE series has been successful in the number of participants and the overall feedback, it is a free service we have provided, and it takes a lot of effort on already overextended volunteer committee members.

The Committee had intended to create a contact list of skilled practitioners in various civil rights subject matter areas who would be willing serve as informal mentors for less experienced practitioners. The committee member who intended to volunteer for this project began maternity leave in August and was unable to complete this project.

The Committee is considering how to address

the denial from Kaiser of our use of their "Old Town Hall," where we initially were planning to hold our Public Forum. According to Kaiser, in order to use their facility the function has to meet their guidelines: (1) community function; and (2) benefiting the health or well-being of the community, or a vulnerable population. Our application to hold Ms. Imarisha's presentation was denied, and Kaiser subsequently informed us that they viewed the event as "too political."

Recommendations for 2015:

Develop a Proposal/Subcommittee for membership outreach/recruitment.

Plan a CLE that is focused on one subject matter area instead of a broad range of subjects –consider alternative locations and co-sponsoring organizations.

Utilize the section listserv to publicize events for which Committee members raise during the announcement portion of our monthly meetings.

Recruit another section to co-sponsor one issue of our civil rights newsletter.

Respectfully submitted: Adrian Lee Brown (CH), Ellen C. Osoinach (CH-Elect), J Ashlee Albies (Past CH), Marianne G. Dugan (TR), Julia S. Olsen (SEC), Marc Abrams, Cynthia Botsios Danforth, John B. Dudrey, Matthew Caruso Ellis, Alec L. Esquivel, Sean Patrick Ray, Diane S. Sykes, Elizabeth N. Wakefield, Julia S. Yoshimoto, Jenifer S. Billman (BC), Paul Nickell (BL).

Constitutional Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Constitutional Law Section had two major accomplishments this year.

First, the section published its annual newsletter in the summer. The newsletter features several articles on state and federal constitutional law, including Alycia Sykora's annual review of Oregon appellate court decisions on constitutional matters. It is available at http://www.osbar.org/_docs/sections/constitution/conlaw14.pdf.

Second, the section held its annual CLE. We hosted a fascinating discussion of executive power by Professors Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz and Garrett Epps. That was followed by our annual panel discussion of important Oregon constitutional law cases featuring Justice Jack Landau, Judge David Schuman and Alycia Sykora.

Additionally, the section began planning for updates to the Oregon Constitutional Law BarBook, visited with students at Lewis & Clark Law School and supported organizations committed to the mission of the section.

Budget:

The section's projected year-end balance is \$15,779. For 2015, the section has budgeted \$6,750 in revenue and \$7,755 in expenses, with a projected year-end balance of \$14,774.

Legislative issues:

Although the section was updated regularly on bills and measures of interest in the 2014 Legislative Assembly, the section did not actively promote or oppose any bills or ballot measures.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive committee considered an ongoing project to update the Oregon Constitutional Law BarBook on a regular basis through its section blog. This might receive further consideration in 2015. No other matters are currently pending.

Recommendations for 2015:

The section hopes to continue its tradition of putting on excellent CLEs and producing an excellent newsletter. We also hope to continue outreach to law students, allowing them to become members with no dues, in the hope that they will continue their membership once they become attorneys. The section should also settle on a plan for updating the Oregon Constitutional Law BarBook.

Respectfully submitted: C Robert Steringer (CH), Gregory A. Chaimov (CH-Elect), Hon. David Schuman (Past CH), P K Runkles-Pearson (TR), Erin J. Snyder (SEC), Roger J. DeHoog, Kevin Diaz, Matthew J. Kalmanson, Erin C. Lagesen, Jack L. Landau, Jennifer Middleton, Chin See Ming, Alycia N. Sykora, Edward H. Trompke, Theresa M. Kohlhoff (BC), Paul Nickell (BL).

Construction Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Expansion of Website: The Section updated its website, expanded the resources and fixed broken links.

CLE Events: The Section hosted a full day CLE at the Oregon State Bar Center entitled Advanced Construction Law which was attended by 65 bar members and other professionals. Additionally, the

Section in coordination with Smith Freed & Eberhard P.C. continued to host "Brown Bag" lunches.

Newsletters: The Section publishes a quarterly newsletter on various construction law topics. The newsletters are sent to members via e-mail and are posted on the Section's website. The newsletter is very thorough and covers a variety of topics in great detail.

Charitable giving: The Section is contributing \$3,600 to Bar-approved charities for 2014.

Budget:

The Section projects an ending balance of approximately \$10,941 at the end of 2014.

Legislative issues:

Jeremy Vermilyea, one of our executive board members, heads the Section's Legislative Subcommittee. He has been working with an interim Legislative committee in regard to potential legislation relating to CM/GC projects. He reports to the executive board members about new and ongoing issues at the regular meetings due to member interest.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Traveling CLE: The executive board is discussing the potential for a CLE in October of 2015. Potential locations discussed include locations in Washington for a combined Oregon/Washington CLE.

Recommendations for 2015:

Continue to maintain the Section's website.

Continue to post the Section's newsletter on the Section's website and encourage more submissions from Section members at large.

Continue to host CLEs outside the Portland metro area (if feasible) to foster connections with members.

Respectfully submitted: Jason W. Alexander (CH), John Daniel Gragg (CH-Elect), Peter J. Viteznik (Past CH), Doug L. Gallagher (TR), Tara M. Johnson (SEC), Frederick A. Batson, Timothy M. Dolan, Daniel L. Duyck, William G. Fig, Douglas R. Hookland, Katie Jo Johnson, Heather McNamee, Thomas A. Ped, Michael W. Peterkin, Tyler James Storti, Jeremy T. Vermilyea, Curtis A. Welch, D Gary Christensen (ADV), Darien S. Loiselle (ADV), Alan L. Mitchell (ADV), Hunter B. Emerick (BC), Dawn Nelson (BL).

Consumer Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section co-sponsored two CLE events this year. The first event was the "Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Update on New Mortgage Servicing Rules" and featured Cathy Mansfield from the CFPB. The event took place on Monday, June 2, 2014, at the OSB Center and was very well attended. The second event that the section sponsored was the "Notario Fraud Conference", spearheaded by the OSB and American Immigration Lawyers Association Oregon Chapter. The event took place on September 14, 2014 at the OSB Center, and was also very well attended.

The Section launched, and continued to improve, its new section website at <http://consumerlaw.osbar.org/>. The executive committee adopted protocol regarding mandatory submissions to the website for all executive committee members. As a result the section website continues to provide fresh and relevant content for the benefit of its members, across the bar, and the public at large. Regular announcements of website submissions and articles addressing consumer issues have been sent section-wide via the section listserv. The section has organized several social events in an attempt to unite its members and to help facilitate new and strengthened relationships, both professional and personal, among its members and across the bar. The Section had its annual lunch with the Attorney General and staff. As always, the lunch provided a constructive forum for the Attorney General and her staff to update Section members about enforcement actions and policies effecting Oregon consumers, and for section members to provide feedback and suggestions based upon their diverse consumer-related practices.

Budget:

As of October 31, the section's fund balance was \$9,919. The section increased its fund balance this year from the starting balance of \$5,713, due to the success of the CFPB CLE. Overall membership count was on budget, with a slight decrease in paid memberships and a slight increase in complimentary memberships.

Legislative issues:

The executive committee continued its role in monitoring consumer law related legislation of interest to the section's members. The section

sponsored proposed legislation that seeks relief for residential homeowners for their potential liability for HOA dues/fees during the period post-sale and before the end of redemption period. The section also worked with the debtor-creditor section on a bill to improve the judicial foreclosure process in Oregon. The section will continue to closely monitor and support its proposal in 2015.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive committee established protocol for regular website content submissions from all executive committee members and proposed/sponsored legislation (see above). Pending matters include a yearly donation (tabled until January 2015) and the approval of the November 19, 2014 meeting minutes.

Recommendations for 2015:

The section plans on sponsoring at least one CLE event in 2015, but has aspirations to cosponsor or sponsor a second event as well. The executive committee is resolute in its ongoing commitment to the maintenance and improvement of its new comprehensive website and will continue to provide relevant consumer law related content for the benefit of its members, the bar, and the public at large. The section will follow through on its sponsored legislation and will keep monitoring, and perhaps proposing additional, legislation related to consumer issues.

Respectfully submitted: Kelly Donovan Jones (CH), David W. Venables (CH-Elect), Kelly L. Harpster (TR), Michael Fuller (SEC), John D. Adams, Brenda M. Bradley, Mark Coleman, Hope A. Del Carlo, Keith D. Karnes, David L. Koen, Eva H. Novick, Jordan M. Roberts, Jeremiah Vail Ross, Joel D. Shapiro, Simon Whang (BC), Matthew Shields (BL).

Criminal Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Our 28th Annual Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice CLE was held at the OSB Center Friday, April 4, 2014. This CLE featured a panel of speakers on victims' rights, and a presentation on defense attorneys and victim contact. The presentations included private practitioners, speakers from the Oregon Victims Law Center, the OSB Disciplinary Counsel's office, and the Oregon Department of Justice. The program also included our usual

legislative update, and the popular appellate update with experts from the Office of Public Defense Services as well as the DOJ Appellate Division. The CLE was attended by somewhere close to 100 persons and parts of it were recorded for future use.

On September 26, 2014 we hosted our second annual Regional Fall CLE in Redmond, Oregon. This varied program featured nationally recognized expert Tim Koller on Eyewitness Evidence, an abbreviated appellate update from the Oregon DOJ Appellate Division, a legislative update, and a comprehensive presentation on Restitution with experts from OPDS and DOJ. The CLE was attended by approximately 20 persons, and was recorded for future use.

Our annual meeting was held September 26, 2014 just after the CLE adjourned.

Budget:

The section continues to be fiscally responsible. The cost of membership remained the same, as did the cost for the annual and regional CLEs. As in recent years, our section again made a contribution to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.

Legislative issues:

This year the executive Committee discussed a few legislative issues, but took no position on any of them. This is normal for our group, as a vote on substantive legal issues would be an even split in most circumstances. We remain vigilant for issues we can actually take a position on. We did hear from a guest on the topic of Oregon Senate Bill 999, which is related to veteran's rights. The issue was not ripe for discussion by the EC at this time, and was deferred to the future.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Our main focus is our annual and regional CLEs. Planning and presenting impactful CLEs for prosecutors and defenders alike is a challenge. Over the years we have become very good at this. We would like to increase our annual CLE attendance slightly if possible, and find a way to greatly increase attendance at future regional presentations.

We are considering establishing a website with links to our CLE materials and perhaps recordings. We also could include section business and other helpful links. We have tried this before and not found the proper formula or design. It is something that will remain on our agenda in the near future.

We are also considering input from the section regarding CLE topics and venues.

We plan on sending out a survey to ask all members about a potential website as well as CLE issues before the end of 2014.

Recommendations for 2015:

Our goals and activities include planning and presenting our annual and regional CLEs, as well as building a useful website for section members. We will remain fiscally responsible and seek new ways to help maximize the benefit to being a section member.

Respectfully submitted: Gregory B. Scholl (CH), Daniel Ousley (CH-Elect), Timothy A. Sylwester (Past CH), Aaron L. Brenneman (TR), Jamie S. Kilberg (SEC), Milan E. Castillo, Peter L. Deuel, Steven H. Gorham, Samuel C. Kauffman, Donna Brecker Maddux, Amy M. Queen, Shawn Evans Wiley, Simon Whang (BC), Michelle Lane (BL).

Disability Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

This year our section successfully advocated to the OSB BOG to create a modest means panel for Social Security Disability (and Veterans Disability), thereby preventing further barriers to access to justice for low income social security claimants. Our section also voted to support amending RPC 8.4 to include harassment of a person based on their disability (among other things) in prohibited conduct. We co-sponsored (with OWLS) a CLE on accommodating lawyers and clients with disabilities, and we sponsored an informative and well attended CLE on Long Term Disability Appeals and Working While Receiving Disability Benefits. We made progress towards our goal of having a new and useful website that is accessible to people with disabilities and we created a brochure to hand out to new admittees to the bar, educating them about our section and inviting them to join. Lastly, we supported CEJ, OLIO, and the Diversity Story Wall Project of the OSB

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Still pending is our work on developing a new website for our section. We are soliciting bids for contractors to create an accessible website, and we have contracted for art for the website. We are preparing to get the content for the website ready and get training on how to load new developments in disability law onto the new website when it is done.

Recommendations for 2015:

We recommended continuing to work to get the website up and running. We also recommended looking for opportunities to coordinate with other groups who are working on disability law related issues.

Respectfully submitted: Beth Englander (CH), Heidi von Ravensberg (Past CH), Amrit K. Sidhu (TR), Micky Feusse Logan (SEC), Cheryl F. Coon, Emily Teplin Fox, Lin J. Hendler, Kathryn L. Kammer, Anne Marie King, Audrey T. Matsumonji (BC), Toni Georganne Kelich (BL).

Diversity Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Broad Representation: The OSB Diversity Section Executive Committee (DSEC) continues to reflect a broad representation of the OSB membership with executive committee members from specialty bars, government practice, Oregon law schools, small/med-sized/large law firms and diversity-related bar sections. An area for improved representation is, non-profit/public interest practice.

Collaboration and Communications Subcommittee: The subcommittee, chaired by Shannon Richard and Claudia Groberg, continues its efforts to more effectively communicate with section membership. This subcommittee also wrote letters to members asking them to renew and supplied informational brochures, pens and magnets for distribution to new admittees at swearing-in. The subcommittee also organized 2 CLEs and Socials. Other members of this sub-committee are: Judge Cheryl Albrecht, Audrey Hirsch, Megan Livermore, Denise Keppinger and Gabriela Sanchez.

Support for the HOD Vote to Change the RPC: In 2013, the Diversity Section became aware of a proposed change to rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) recommended by a taskforce of the OSB Legal Ethics Committee. The proposed rule provides a clear statement by the bar that it is unethical for a lawyer to harass or discriminate on the basis of certain classes, in the course of representing a client. Members of various specialty bars organized to support the rule change when it was presented to the House of Delegates on November 1, 2013. The Diversity Section was a part of this effort and members worked to assist by participating in planning and discussion as a board and also with other specialty bar members;

writing letters in support; providing input researching and locating support for the rule; contacting HOD members to ask for their support and discuss the rule; and preparing a CLE to educate others about the rule. A majority of the HOD ultimately voted in favor of the rule. Megan Livermore, Jessica Asai, and Emilie Edling, as well as the Collaboration and Communication Subcommittee, were primarily involved in these successful efforts. The committee as a whole strategized about how to support this effort during several meetings.

Building on the prior year's efforts, the Diversity Section continued to be involved in support of the proposed change to rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Both Yesenia Gutierrez and Emilie Edling attended the House of Delegates meeting on November 7, 2014 prepared to present written statements on behalf of the Diversity Section in support of the proposed change.

2014 Diversity Section CLE and Social: A CLE and Social entitled: "Pathways to Justice Federal Pro Bono Panel Helps Meet Legal Needs" was offered on May 16, 2014 and was co-sponsored with the University of Oregon in Eugene, OR and the U.S. District Court where the discussion of Oregon's federal Pro Bono Panel was discussed as one pathway to meeting Oregon's legal needs. 22 attendees enjoyed this presentation.

2014 Diversity Section CLE and Social: A CLE and Social entitled "Marriage Equality Looking Back, Looking Forward" was offered to attorneys on September 25, 2014 at 4:00, with a catered social and no-host bar following the one-hour CLE. The CLE was conducted by Honorable Beth Allen and Attorney Lake Perriguet who discussed the twists and turns on the storied road to marriage equality in Oregon and how historic changes will play out in the legal system. The Committee was able to receive law firm sponsorship for this event.

Co-Sponsoring of Half the Sky CLE Series: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide: The Diversity Section co-sponsored a series of CLEs aimed at educating attorneys on various themes on the global issues facing women. Emilie Edling and Audrey Hirsch acted as facilitators for two of the sessions.

Co-Sponsoring of CLE with Oregon Women Lawyers and Multnomah Bar Association "The Civil Rights Act of 1964 a 50 Year Anniversary" on July 24, 2014: This CLE was a panel presentation

of perspectives of individual involved in different aspects of the civil rights movement following the screening of the film "Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders".

Convocation on Equality Toolkit: A subcommittee was formed and tasked with the project of ensuring that the "Toolkit" – a best-practices manual for diversity recruiting, retention, and hiring, provided in draft form at the Convocation on Equality – is ultimately finalized. The toolkit is near completion. Members on the committee are Emilie Edling, Mariann Hyland, and Andrea Anderly.

Judicial Recognition Committee: This committee edited the certificate to recognize the achievement of those minority and diverse attorneys appointed or elected to the judiciary in the state of Oregon. The Diversity Section has honored the followed during this year: Judge Roger DeHoog, Judge Courtland Geyer, Judge Ricardo Menchaca, Judge Clara Rigmaiden. The JRC also proposed and the DSCD approved the protocols and process on how the DSEC would notify the judges, and the specialty bars of such DSEC Judicial Recognition and would on possible presentation ceremonies.

The JRC drafted letters of congratulations for all recipients of the 2014 OSB Awards as well.

Members on the committee were Daniel Santos, Judge Julia Philbrook, and Jessica Asai

ACDI/DSEC Joint Retreat: A joint retreat was held on March 13, 2014 between the ACDI Committee and DSEC facilitated by Yesenia Gutierrez and John Haroldson. The retreat grew out of discussions on how to more effectively work together on our common goals. Jacqueline Alarcon joined the DSEC as ACDI-liason after the retreat, and has become an invaluable part of the executive committee.

Sponsorship, Contributions, and Support: DSEC contributed \$350 each to OLIO and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, and the Campaign for Equal Justice.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Convocation on Equality Toolkit: The DSEC will need to wrap up the finalization of the toolkit.

Creation of a CLE Subcommittee: The Collaboration and Communication Subcommittee has taken the immense work of organizing and carrying out the tasks of putting on the two CLE's and Socials. Given, the size of the committee and

the desire to continue this type programming the Committee will need to develop both subcommittees will need to increase their membership.

Respectfully submitted: Yesenia Gutierrez (CH), Randy L. Arthur (CH-Elect), Emilie K. Edling (Past CH), Megan I. Livermore (TR), Audrey B. Hirsch (SEC), Hon. Cheryl A. Albrecht, Andrea J. Anderly, Jessica A. Asai, Claudia G. Groberg, Janna Beth M. Kim, Julia Philbrook, Shannon L. Richard, Jessie D. Young, Nicole Commissiong (ADV), Linda Meng (ADV), Chase N. Morinaka (ADV), Joshua L. Ross (BC), Mariann Hyland (BL).

Elder Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Elder Law Section Executive Committee meets 6 times a year, and is comprised of 5 officers and 9 members for a total of 14.

Most activities of the Elder Law Section take place through the work of specific Section subcommittees. The 4 subcommittees of the Elder Law Section Executive Committee include the CLE Committee, Newsletter Committee, Legislative Committee, and Elder Abuse Committee. Subcommittee membership is open to all interested section members. This year the Computer & Technology and Agency & Professional Relations Committees were disbanded.

CLE Subcommittee:

The CLE subcommittee, chaired by Donald Dickman, is responsible for planning Section CLEs. The Section has traditionally sponsored, in conjunction with OSB, an annual CLE in Portland, with replay opportunities around the state.

On October 3, 2014, the Section presented "Elder Law 2014:

Emerging Challenges" at the Oregon Convention Center. Topics included Medicaid After the Affordable Care Act, Marriage and Older Couples, Extraordinary Remedies in Protected Proceedings, Ethics, and Elders Abuse Reporting Requirements.

On May 2, 2014, the Section held its 11th annual UnCLE, an informal day-long session in Eugene where participants meet with their peers to "talk shop" both in workshop settings and over breakfast, lunch and social hour. The number of attendees is limited to 80. The UnCLE provides 4 separate sessions - with each session offering 4 topics from which attendees can select to

participate. The topics usually include estate planning, protective proceedings, Medicaid and Practice Management. Attendees bring printed materials to share and actively participate in session discussions by raising questions and providing answers based on personal and practice experience.

Newsletter Subcommittee:

The quarterly Elder Law Section Newsletter, professionally edited by Carole Barkley, is a major benefit provided by the Section to its members. The Subcommittee is chaired by Erin Evers. Its members and the editor determine each issue's focus, and then recruit writers for specific topics to fit the focus. The newsletter is distributed electronically, saving money and environmental resources. Issues from past years are available on the Section's webpage on the OSB website.

Elder Abuse Issues Subcommittee:

This subcommittee has been primarily focused on monitoring the Legislature's Elder Abuse Work Group. The Chair is Steven Owens.

Legislative Subcommittee:

During 2014, the subcommittee has been working on a proposal to strengthen notice requirements to the court of the sale of a professional fiduciary practice. It is chaired by Michael Schmidt.

Budget:

As of October 31, 2014, the Elder Law Section had 545 paid memberships and 30 complimentary memberships (given to judges, court staff and OSB members of 50 or more years). This is a slight increase from 2013. Annual dues remain at \$25. The Section maintains a reserve to allow for special projects from time to time, and to assure a continued ability to offer newsletters and CLEs. In addition to the Section made contributions to the Campaign for Equal Justice and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Various Section members have been involved with the state Elder Abuse Work Group considering powers of attorney, the definition of elder abuse and other related matters. Members have also met with the Oregon Bankers Association Trust Committee and the Estate Planning Section to review proposed legislation.

Recommendations for 2015:

The Section will consider whether to reestablish holding an annual weekend retreat. This opportunity would allow Executive Committee members to team build, identify possible 2015 Section projects, and develop strategies to achieve adopted projects.

Respectfully submitted: Michael A. Schmidt (CH), Erin M. Evers (CH-Elect), Whitney D. Yazzolino (Past CH), Tim McNeil (TR), Kay Hyde-Patton (SEC), Kathryn M. Belcher, J. Geoffrey Bernhardt, Victoria D. Blachly, Jason C. Broesder, Don Blair Dickman, Jan Elana Friedman, Stephan R. Owen, Monica D. Pacheco, J. Thomas Pixton, Timothy L. Williams (BC), Matthew Shields (BL).

Energy, Telecommunications & Utility Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2014, the Section held one CLE and the Annual Meeting. The Section's CLE provided a variety of perspectives on emerging efforts to form new energy markets and other frameworks for the provision of energy imbalance service in the West.

Budget:

The Section ended 2014 with a surplus.

Legislative issues:

There were no legislative issues from the prior year, and the Section initiated no new legislative activity.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Executive Committee did not consider any significant matters outside the ordinary course of its business, and no such matters are pending.

Recommendations for 2015:

The Executive Committee recommends focusing on sponsoring at least 3 CLEs for 2015.

Respectfully submitted: Scott M. Rickard (CH), Henry R. Tilghman (CH-Elect), Mark R. Thompson (TR), Betsy Bridge (SEC), Stephanie S. Andrus, Alan J. Galloway, William E. Hendricks, Jeffrey S. Lovinger, Katherine A. McDowell, Jonathan M. Norling, David C. Olson, Mark P. Trincherro, David F. White, Mary M. Wiencke, Matthew D. Yates, G. Catriona G. McCracken (ADV), Timothy L. McMahan (ADV), James C. Chaney (BC), Cheryl L. McCord (BL).

Environmental & Natural Resources Section

Activities and accomplishments:

ENR held three brownbag events in 2014 and an all-day CLE ("Year in Review") on October 24, 2014 at McMenemy's Edgefield. The Annual CLE was well-attended and well reviewed by attendees. The section produced four editions of its electronic newsletter, eOutlook, and published its Casenotes newsletter four times. There were no section field trips in 2014, but a field trip to the City of Portland Water Pollution Control Lab is being scheduled for first quarter of 2015. We are also discussing field trips in 2015 to the composting facility in North Plains and a tour of the Park Avenue West Tower green building in downtown Portland once construction is more complete. The EC provided informational materials for the Bar swearing in ceremony this past summer, sponsored an event for recent law school graduates and new lawyers in September, and participated in the Bar Prowl at Lewis and Clark Law School.

Budget:

The Executive Committee (EC) approved the 2015 budget with the following provisions. Dues will remain the same in 2015 at \$20 per year. Projected revenues and expenses are \$14,450. This budget will provide for a reserve balance of about \$8,800. The level and direction of charitable giving was considered in late 2014 and the EC decided to cease these donations from the section in 2015.

Legislative issues:

The section issued an eOutlook on the 2015 legislative session to inform members of environmental and natural resources legislative actions and activities.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The section is not aware of any parties that have utilized the pro bono directory of attorneys willing to provide assistance to environmental nonprofits and other groups. A survey of users and/or providers of the service is planned for early 2015. Because of the importance of agency decisions and adjudications to section members, the EC continued to explore better availability, focusing on electronic means, of these documents to section members. The EC considered taking a resolution on this topic to the HOD this year, but believed more time was needed to clarify needs and opportunities. Finally, the section will hold the

annual meeting in December where elections will take place as well as presentation of the section award to a worthy environmental and natural resources attorney.

Recommendations for 2015:

Continue to produce quality newsletters, brownbags, and field trips, explore ways to connect with other regions in the state, present another high-quality CLE in October, seek diversity in the section and EC, and evaluate technologies to allow remote video participation in section activities.

Respectfully submitted: John H. Marsh (CH), Patrick G. Rowe (CH-Elect), Laura Maffei (Past CH), Karen L. Moynahan (TR), Dustin Trowbridge Till (SEC), Lawrence B. Burke, Lawson E. Fite, Rose Francis, Michael C. Freese, Sarah R. Liljefelt, Kirk B. Maag, Kate LaRiche Moore, Jared A. Ogdon, Karin Power, L Ansley St Clair, Jenifer S. Billman (BC), Scott A. Morrill (BL).

Estate Planning & Administration Section

Activities and accomplishments:

CLE Programs

The Section sponsored two CLE programs in 2014. On May 30, 2014, the Section co-sponsored an all-day program entitled "Advanced Estate Planning and Administration 2014." On November 21, 2014, the Section sponsored an all-day program entitled "Basic Estate Planning and Administration, 2014."

Newsletter

The Section published four issues of its newsletter that were distributed electronically to all members of the Section. Those newsletters are also available to Section members at the Section website. In October, 2014, the Section published a bonus issue titled "A Fiduciary Income Tax Primer, by Phillip N. Jones". Sheryl McConnell, continues as the editor of the newsletter.

Ethics Opinion

The Section continues its request for ethics guidance from the OSB related to the representation of married couples with elective share issues in estate planning. A proposed opinion was drafted by an executive committee member and presented to the OSB Ethics Committee, which has the proposal under consideration.

Forms Workgroup

The Section recently authorized the formation of a Forms Workgroup to review and update the estate planning forms that were prepared by Prof. Valerie Vollmar. This project will be a great help to new attorneys since the forms have not been updated since 2006. The work group will coordinate their work with Prof. Vollmar to insure that she is comfortable with the work product produced by the work group.

Budget:

The Section has 1,298 members as of October 31, 2014. The Section had a beginning fund balance of \$21,229 as of January 1, 2014. For year to date, through October 31, 2014, the Section had total revenue of \$24,980 and total expenses of \$18,420, resulting in an ending year fund balance of \$27,789. However, please note that the revenue and expenses are subject to final review by the OSB comptroller. The Section decided not to change its membership dues for 2015, but will review whether or not a dues increase is necessary for 2016 due to increased OSB support assessments.

Legislative Issues:

The Section has drafted two bills for the 2015 Oregon Legislative Session. One bill is the Oregon version of the Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act. This is a uniform act that was adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform Laws on June 6, 2014. Opposition is expected from social media companies, and there may be co-sponsors for the bill. The second legislative proposal makes some technical changes to the Uniform Trust Code amending ORS 130.230, 130.232, and 130.715. These changes make technical corrections concerning early vesting, separate shares and allocation of capital gains to Distributable Net Income.

Respectfully submitted: Jeffrey M. Cheyne (CH), Matthew Whitman (CH-Elect), Marsha Murray-Lusby (Past CH), Erik S. Schimmelbusch (TR), Melanie E. Marmion (SEC), Stuart B. Allen, Amy E. Bilyeu, Eric R. Foster, Janice E. Hatton, Amelia E. Heath, Philip N. Jones, Holly N. Mitchell, Jeffrey G. Moore, Hilary A. Newcomb, Timothy O'Rourke, Ian T. Richardson, Margaret Vining, Charles A. Wilhoite (BC), Amy H. Zubko (BL).

Family Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Family Law Section continues to be well regarded throughout the State of Oregon.

The Annual Meeting and CLE Conference at Salishan Lodge hosted 399, with 18 judges from the trial and appellate level. The conference was well organized and had a panel of top notch speakers.

Budget:

The Section continues to be in a strong financial position as a result of membership dues and the annual conference. Our Section dues are still at \$25.00 per member and we have another surplus to our budget going into 2015. It is anticipated that some of this surplus will be spent updating our Section website.

Legislative issues:

The Section proposed two bills to be submitted for the 2015 legislative session.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section implemented a Professionalism Award. Nomination forms can be found on the Section website.

The Section implemented a Hardship Policy for reduced or waived fees to our annual conference. Applications can be found on the Section website.

The Section posted a membership directory searchable by name, bar number and county of primary practice on our website.

The Section began posting past Executive Committee minutes and policies on the Section website.

Recommendations for 2015:

The Section will continue negotiations with various venues to host our 2016 annual conference.

Respectfully submitted: Lauren Saucy (CH), Debra Dority (CH-Elect), Kristen Sager-Kottre (Past CH), Marcia Buckley (TR), Kimberly A. Quach (SEC), Jennifer E. Currin, Christopher J. Eggert, Zachary Fruchtingarten Marray S. Petitt, Laura B. Rufolo, Anthony H B Wilson, Caitlin Mitchell-Markley (BC), Susan Evans Grabe (BL).

Government Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Continuing Legal Education Seminars

The Government Law Section planned and presented two accredited Continuing Legal Education seminars in 2013. Each CLE was developed by a volunteer subcommittee of the Section's Executive Committee. The Winter CLE was held in February at Salishan and the Fall CLE was co-sponsored by the OS Bar and held in October at Bar headquarters in Lake Oswego.

The February CLE at Salishan Spa and Golf Resort covered topics of Farm Stands and Agri-tainment, Construction Law, Exclusion Ordinances, Affirmative Action, Brownfields and Tort Claims Law changes. The CLE was attended by over 50 lawyers and was well-received. The CLE subcommittee solicited sponsorships to host a social hour at the conclusion of the CLE. The social provided an opportunity for public law practitioners to socialize in a relaxed, collegial setting.

The October CLE was co-sponsored by the Oregon State Bar and held at Bar headquarters in Lake Oswego. It covered topics of marijuana, public meetings, easements for governments, police use of force, ADA, eminent domain, employment issues and best practices for intergovernmental agreements. The CLE was attended and well-received. At the conclusion of the CLE, the section adjourned to its annual business meeting, followed by a social hour.

Regular Meetings and Annual Meeting

On the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm, the Section's Executive Committee conducts its regular meetings at the bar headquarters in Lake Oswego. Executive Committee members typically attend telephonically by dialing into 1-888-891-0496; Passcode 854884. All are welcome to attend and may attend by telephone.

The Section again convened its annual meeting in conjunction with the Fall CLE. Business included election of open executive committee positions, as well as officers of the executive committee. The section's budget was also discussed.

Website

The Government Law Section maintains a website which contains information regarding membership, including listing officers and Executive Committee members. The website provides links to our CLE

announcements, and it lists job opportunities of interest to the membership and Bar at large. Maintenance of the website is on-going.

E-mail updates

The committee also continued to send out periodic email updates and alerts to Section members on legal developments, employment opportunities, and topics of interest to public law practitioners.

Scholarships

The Section continues to offer scholarship opportunities to practitioners in need. The Section offers up to 25 scholarships to pay admission to Section.

In addition to that, the section-sponsors CLEs for new admittees interested in public practice and for practitioners who cannot afford the costs of admission.

Budget:

As of December 2014, annual revenue is \$10,882 and expenses are \$8,589, for net revenue in the amount of \$2,233. The section made charitable contributions in the amount of \$3,000.

The Government Law Section submitted a budget for 2015 on November 24, 2014. The Budget shows a beginning fund balance in the amount of \$14,862, and projected ending fund balance in the amount of \$13,232. The Section projects 2015 revenues in the amount of \$12,275 and expenses in the amount of \$13,905. The 2015 budget allocates funds for a \$2,000 contribution to the Campaign for Equal Justice and a \$1,000 contribution to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, and \$500 to the Classroom Law Project. The section expects to have approximately 430 total members in 2015.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

At the time of this report, the section should have approved its 2015 budget; otherwise final adoption of that budget pends. Pending matters also include ongoing recruitment and retention of members.

Recommendations for 2015:

Our 2015 budget reflects the recommendation to continue our scholarship for new and needy members, as well as continuation of charitable contributions for Campaign for Equal Justice and Minority Lawyers.

For the past several years, the committee has discussed updating the Oregon State Bar Government Law publication. The section has been unable to initiate such an update. Because an update is laudable, it is recommended, notwithstanding the unlikelihood of any update.

Respectfully submitted: John R. Hutt (CH), Alan Andrew Rappleyea (CH-Elect), William K. Kabeiseman (Past CH), Benjamin Walters (TR), Kathryn A. Short (SEC), Eric Blaine, James K. Brewer, Laurie Craghead, Chelsea Glynn, Virginia L. Gustafson, Chad A. Jacobs, Tamara E. Jones, Alison R. Kean, Sean E. O'Day, Terence L. Thatcher, Douglas L. Tookey, Sarah E. Hanson (ADV), Travis S. Prestwich (BC), Denise Cline (BL).

Health Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2014, the section provided multiple lunch time CLEs with food at no cost to participants, multiple networking events with food at no cost to participants, and an annual CLE in October at Sunriver over 2 half days. Membership dues were waived for judges, judicial lawyer staff, new bar members, 50 year bar members, and law students.

Budget:

The section exceeded its budget for the annual CLE but in so doing provided an opportunity to attend an excellent CLE program at a markedly reduced cost. The section maintains a surplus of funds.

Legislative issues:

The section continues to monitor health related legislation and provides membership with updates through a website link and CLE offerings.

Recommendations for 2015:

In 2015 the section will be continuing to focus on its educational and networking opportunities for section members, readjusting its budget accordingly.

Respectfully submitted: Tamara X. Arthur (CH), Jenny Franks (CH-Elect), Rachel Anne Woods Arnold (Past CH), Mary Anne Anderson (TR), Jeremy L. Vandehey (SEC), Jonathan H. Bauer, Ryan C. Belton, Leslie Bottomly, Stephanie A. Cason, Deanna Paige Laidler, Molly K. Marcum, Jean C. O'Connor, Shannon K. O'Fallon, Brian M. Parrott, Nicola Yeats Pinson, Roger M. Saydack, Hillary A. Taylor, R Ray Heysell (BC), Dustin Dopps (BL).

Indian Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Held joint CLE with Juvenile Law Section

Conducted Brown Bag CLE presentation on Indian law research with the National Indian Law Library, by conference video

Worked on initiating a Tribal-State Judicial Consortium; held meetings and conference calls with Chief Justice Balmer and others on planning for consortium kick-off meeting.

Distributed ILS marketing materials at swearing-in ceremony

Budget:

ILS conducted its activities within the 2014 budget, with only a small negative 2014 balance, and maintains a significant overall fund balance. Discussed charitable donation policies by the Section.

Legislative issues:

Discussed potential legislative issues that might be suitable for future legislative consideration; no specific proposals submitted.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Tribal-State Judicial Consortium in the planning stages with initial kickoff meeting to occur during 2015 at State judicial conference. Planning meetings will take place by conference call on a monthly basis.

Discuss whether proposal to amend UTCR 3.170 can be revisited and acted upon.

Recommendations for 2015:

Bring Tribal-State Judicial Consortium into existence in 2015; Explore next joint CLE proposal with another Bar Section – ideas include Natural Resources Section and Tax Section

Respectfully submitted: Craig J. Dorsay (CH), Lauren J. Lester (CH-Elect), Stephen P. Kelly (Past CH), Michael J. Grieser (TR), Stephanie L. Striffler (SEC), Shayleen T. Allen, Kristy Kay Barrett, Jennifer Biesack, Diane Henkels, Brett V. Kenney, Douglas C. MacCourt, Melissa Masat Robertson, Starla K. Roels, John M. Schultz, Lee Kevin Shannon, David D. Shaw, Patrick Sullivan, Timothy L. Williams (BC), Helen M. Hirschbiel (BL).

Intellectual Property Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Executive Committee continued its "subcommittee" format to oversee issues relevant to the Section, specifically: CLEs; Happy Hour/Outreach; Brown Bag Series; Legislative; Scholarship; and Website. The Section held its annual "Year in Review" CLE at the Bar Center on February 14, 2014, and it continued the monthly Brown Bag CLE series at the Ace Hotel/The Cleaners in Portland throughout the year. The Annual Meeting was held on October 8, 2014, at the Sentinel Hotel, with Section member John Vandenberg speaking about his argument before the U.S. Supreme Court in a precedential case. The Section was active in outreach, specifically, events at Lewis & Clark Law School, University of Oregon Law School and Willamette University Law School, at each of which several attorneys attended to discuss their IP practices with students. The Section held several Happy Hour events in Portland for Section members to meet in an informal atmosphere, with a more substantial event in the summer at the Oregon Maritime Museum. The Section website has been maintained throughout the year, to provide information to Section members.

Budget:

The Section will still end the year with an anticipated profit of approximately \$738. Section enrollment decreased slightly in 2014, with 58 former members not renewing their Section membership and 37 new members, for a net decrease of 21 members. The Committee does not expect the slight change in membership to materially impact the budget for 2015. The committee elected not to raise section dues in 2015.

Legislative issues:

The Section works with the Public Affairs Committee of the Bar to monitor and track legislation that may affect Section members' intellectual property practices. In 2014, the Section monitored Oregon Senate Bill 1540, which became law in March and is intended to curb perceived abusive patent litigation and threats of patent litigation. Through the Public Affairs Committee, the Section attempted to encourage the Bill's sponsors to delay the legislation so that the Bar and public may better consider the implications of the then proposed legislation. These attempts were unsuccessful. The Section subsequently held a CLE with representatives

from the Oregon Department of Justice to discuss the enacted legislation and its potential impact.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Annual "Year In Review" CLE will be held on February 13, 2015 at the Bar Center. The Section will continue the monthly brownbag CLEs and Happy Hours. Law school outreach sessions are in the planning stages. The Section will sponsor a Lewis & Clark Law School "IP with IPA" event in the Fall of 2015.

Recommendations for 2015:

The Section had a successful year and continued its strong brownbag and formal CLE programs, in addition to bringing Section members together at social events. It is recommended that the Section continue these programs. The Section also continued its outreach to law students. It is recommended that the Section continue awarding an annual IP scholarship to an Oregon law student, but that the Section work with the IP professors at the law schools to expand student awareness of the scholarship and increase the amount of the scholarship to draw additional applicants.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy S. DeJong (CH), Thomas L. Evans (CH-Elect), Devon Zastrow Newman (Past CH), John D. Russell (TR), Anne E. Koch (SEC), Jamie Lynne Dickinson, Allen Field, Ian D. Gates, Kevin M. Hayes, Anna Laakmann, Parna A. Mehrbani, Elizabeth Tedesco Milesnick, John Cathcart Rake, Thomas J. Tomano, Vincent Sliwoski, Thomas E. Vesbit, Johnathan E. Mansfield (BC), Dustin Dopps (BL).

International Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

For 2014, the International Law Section sponsored a number of CLEs ("International Tax from an Oregon Perspective", "Prosecuting War Crimes: Two Oregon Lawyers in the Hague", "The Council of Europe's International Fight Against Corruption", "Mercy Corps in an Uncertain World"). The ILS passed on information to its members pertaining to various international law educational opportunities around Oregon. Members assisted with the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. ILS again supported the Portland International Film Festival ("PIFF"), co-hosting a PIFF networking reception with the World Affairs Council. As a cooperating entity with the American Bar Association's Section

of International Law Spring and Fall Meetings, ILS enabled its members to obtain member rates for attendance of the SIL events. We participated in Lewis & Clark Law School's Bar Prowl.

Budget:

The ILS generally stayed within budget for 2014. Up through October, 2014, ILS has 100 paid members and 24 complimentary members.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

ILS successfully transitioned to a framework of one CLE each quarter.

Recommendations for 2015:

ILS will consider whether/how to offer scholarships to students attending the three Oregon law schools. Our newsletter will get a fresh look to see if we can begin regular publication in 2015.

Any other comments:

Our incoming 2015 officers will be: Chair - Alan Perkins, Immediate Past Chair - Kimberly Boswell, Chair (Elect) - Eric Kodesch, Secretary - Chad Colton, Treasurer - Sean Levy, Member - Ellen Theodorson, Member - Meredith Weisshaar, Member - Dina Amira Anani, Member - Merril Keane, Member - Benjamin Hartman, Member - Masayuki Yamaguchi

Respectfully submitted: Kimberly S. Boswell (CH), Merril A. Keane (Past CH), Alan C. Perkins (CH-Elect/TR), James L. Lane (SEC), Dina Amira Anani, Dagmar Butte, Eric Jason Kodesch, Ellen Theodorson, Meredith Weisshaar, Caitlin Mitchel-Markley (BC), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Juvenile Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The annual CLE, "Practicing Juvenile Law in a Multicultural Context: Working with Natives, Refugees, and Nonresidents" was held on February 21, 2014 at the Bar Center and was well attended. This CLE was co-sponsored by the Indian Law Section and three scholarships were offered for new admittees. The moderator was F.G. Jamie Troy, II of Troy & Rosenberg PC of Portland and several outstanding speakers presented on various issues including the Refugee Child Welfare Act, ICWA, and the ever-popular Appellate Update.

The 2015 CLE, "Children at the Crossroads: The Intersection Between Delinquency and Dependency" is scheduled for February 27, 2015 at the Bar Center.

Budget:

We ended the year with a balance of \$9,316.60, and the 2015 budget was approved at the November meeting. Notably, we voted to approve dedication of \$500 to the Juvenile Law Training Academy and \$100 to the Campaign for Equal Justice for 2015, both of which were also approved for 2014.

Legislative issues:

We continue to have a subsection that reviews and update the committee on legislative matters; as in previous years we did not sponsor any legislation this year due primarily to the diversity of our section.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

There was considerable discussion in 2014 regarding the implementation of E-Courts throughout the state and the DHS phased-in approach called "Differential Response." As Oregon continues to expand the number of counties that have E-Court and Differential Response it is expected that on-going discussion will continue as the practice of juvenile law in the state will need to accommodate these changes.

Liaison reports to the committee continue for Family Law, Criminal Law, Indian Law, and Legislative Issues. A new section was added this year to keep the committee informed about activities of the Children's Justice Act Taskforce of Oregon, which has a budget of approximately \$200,000 of federal money per year to fund projects related to improvements in the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases. There was discussion this year about JLEC seeking funding from CJA to potentially fund quarterly CLEs, perhaps single-topic "brown bag" seminars for juvenile law attorneys.

Recommendations for 2015:

As mentioned above, on-going discussion about E-Court implementation and Differential Response has been very helpful, especially for those attorneys who do not practice in counties that have adopted these changes yet. Continuing the discussion of offering smaller, community CLEs with possible CJA funding should continue.

Any other comments:

The annual meeting was well attended this year and we look forward to working with several new committee members who will join us in 2015.

Respectfully submitted: Carrie E. Rasmussen (CH), Joanne L. Southey (CH-Elect), Sheri Thonstad (Past CH), Brandon S. Thueson (TR), Meghan S. Bishop (SEC), Kristen P. Farnworth, Lauren Freeman, Hon. Annette Hillman, Jennifer F. Kimble, Morgan Wren Long, Holly A. Preslar, Hon. Michele C. Rini, Sarah S. Robbins, Curtis Stephen Slatina, Shannon Storey, Robin J. Wright, Theresa M. Kohlhoff (BC), Michelle Lane (BL).

Labor & Employment Section

Activities and accomplishments:

2014 was an excellent year for the Section. Some of the most noteworthy accomplishments include:

Establishing a Section website with articles on recent legal developments, information on Section events, and information on the Section's leadership.

Establishing a Section e-mail list serve to communicate about Section events, recent legal developments and facilitate communication between Section members.

Conducting three "breakfast briefing" CLE programs throughout the year which were well attended and received excellent reviews from participants.

Holding a successful annual meeting and CLE event in Portland that was attended by approximately 140 attorneys, law students and judges. The revenues from this event were sufficient to restore a healthy reserve fund for the Section's future operations.

Budget:

This Section has traditionally maintained a sizeable reserve fund to allow the Section flexibility in programming and the ability to help fund worthy programs like the Campaign for Equal Justice and Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. Expenses from the 2013 annual meeting and CLE event exceeded projections and the revenues were insufficient to cover the difference. The net result was that the ending fund balance was nearly eliminated. While not all of the final numbers from the year are in yet, it appears that the 2014 conference and the breakfast briefings generated sufficient net revenues to rebuild that reserve and provide the Section flexibility going forward to

expand and improve the programs and services offered to members.

Legislative issues:

The Section engaged in very limited legislative activity, other than assisting in lobbying the legislature for adequate funding for the Oregon Employment Relations Board.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section is considering additional CLE programs for the upcoming year, as well as changing the location for the 2015 annual meeting and CLE event. Traditionally, we alternate between Portland and Sun River, but the Section is exploring additional locations for next year.

Recommendations for 2015:

For 2015, the Section should add more breakfast briefings or other short CLE events for members, expand and improve the content on the new Section website, and consider additional CLE programs such as a labor and employment law boot camp for newer attorneys or attorneys looking to expand their practice areas into labor and employment law.

Respectfully submitted: Jason Michael Weyand (CH), Nathan Schwartz Sykes (CH-Elect), Brenda K. Baumgart (Past CH), Lisa A. Amato (TR), Sarah K. Drescher (SEC), Kyle T. Abraham, Clarence M. Belnavis, Jennifer L. Bouman, Stephen L. Brischetto, Barbara J. Diamond, Scott N. Hunt, Jeffrey Douglas Jones, Christopher G. Lundberg, Aruna A. Masih, Paul M. Ostroff, Susan L. Stoner, Philip Alan Johnson (ADV), Jeffrey P. Chicoine (ADV), Audrey T. Matsumonji (BC), Christine Ford (BL).

Litigation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

At the beginning of 2014, the Executive Committee decided upon several key goals for the year:

Of highest priority was to provide additional programming, networking, and information for the many newer lawyers who were forced to hang their own shingles as a result of a difficult job market for lawyers. The Executive Committee was concerned by the lack of mentorship, and training these lawyers experience, and the effect that experience has on the entire litigation bar and court system. To address

this, the Executive Committee created an ex-officio position for the chair of the Oregon New Lawyers Division (ONLD). As a result of our partnership with the ONLD, we presented a new CLE on fundamental practice issues targeted at new lawyers. This CLE complements our bi-annual Fundamentals of Civil Procedure CLE that we host every other fall.

Another priority was to provide increased value to Section members. The Executive Committee established a new page on the Section website called Judge's Corner, where an Oregon judge posts an article each month on a topic of interest to them. Each quarter, these judge/authors participate in a free CLE Teleconference to expand upon the issues addressed in their articles and to answer questions from callers. This Teleconference series is also geared toward newer litigators.

Also a priority was the continuation of the excellent programming that the Section has presented for years, including the annual Litigation Institute and Retreat in March, and the quarterly publication of the Litigation Journal.

Another priority was to increase our membership through networking opportunities. We accomplished this in part by hosting a table at the 2014 Bar Prowl put on by Lewis & Clark Law School

Budget:

The Section began the year with \$28,384, carried over from 2013. Major expenses included the quarterly publication of the Litigation Journal, the 2014 Litigation Institute & Retreat, and Executive Committee meetings. The Section has exceeded its projected revenue from membership fees. The Section significantly exceeded its budget for seminar and teleconference expenses, primarily as a result of the new quarterly Teleconference.

Legislative issues:

The Executive Committee historically has not been active in legislative issues. That held true in 2014.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Executive Committee is continuing to consider and refine the process and delivery platform for our quarterly Teleconference series to provide a seamless experience for judges and attendees. Planning is also underway for the 2015 Litigation Institute & Retreat.

Recommendations for 2015:

The 2015 Executive Committee should continue its emphasis on serving newer lawyers by continuing to add programming. The Executive Committee should also look for ways to increase networking opportunities among members.

Respectfully submitted: Melinda Thomas (CH), Yael A. Livny (CH-Elect), Kimberly D'Aquila (Past CH), Renee E. Rothauge (TR), John R. Bachofner (SEC), Peter L. Barnhisel, Eric L. Dahlin, Jeanne F. Loftis, Steven T. Lovett, Scott C. Lucas, Josephine H. Mooney, Kim Sugawa-Fujinaga, Jennifer S. Wagner, Kate Anne Wilkinson, Ben Eder (Ex Officio), Lindsey H. Hughes (ADV), Simeon D. Rapoport (ADV), Timothy L. Williams (BC), Karen D. Lee (BL).

Military & Veterans Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Uniform Code of Military Justice. Drafted recommended improvements to the Uniform Code of Military Justice in response to request from the Department of Defense Office of General Counsel for input during a comprehensive review of the military justice system. The recommended improvements were adopted by the Board of Governors in June 2014 and forwarded to the Chairman of the Military Justice Review Group for consideration.

Membership increase of approximately 40% during 2014. Outreach established at new lawyer induction ceremonies and local law schools. Section attendance at statewide events such as the Oregon Women's Veterans Conference and the Salem Veterans Stand Down sponsored by the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs.

Endorsed reciprocal admission for active duty military spouses who are licensed to practice law in another state and accompany their spouse during a temporary military duty tour in Oregon.

Established section website as clearinghouse for legal resources concerning matters of concern to Oregon attorneys, Servicemembers and veterans.

Partnered with Oregon Court Reporters Association to implement the Veterans History Project, recording the oral histories of Oregon veterans. Histories provided to veterans for their personal use and to the Library of Congress as a national resource.

Legislative issues:

Section endorsed legislation expanding opportunities for veterans facing criminal charges to all the Court to consider military service.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Increase outreach to educate the bar and the bench about unique legal issues faced by Oregon's military and veteran population

Recommendations for 2015:

Establish a Committee to coordinate pro bono opportunities for attorneys to assist veterans with legal issues and meet the needs of underserved populations.

Respectfully submitted: Mark A. Ronning (CH), Christopher H. Kent (Past CH), Daniel H. Skerritt (TR), Mark John Holady (SEC), Jesse Wm Barton, Lori A G Hellis, Jonas J. Hemenway, Wesley A. Hill, Steve Lawrence, Donald W. McCann, Michael B. Mendelson, Amrit K. Sidhu, Gina Marie Stewart, Charles R. Williamson, Anthony H B Wilson, Richard G. Spier (BC), Troy J. Wood (BL).

Products Liability Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Newsletter: Jeff Bowersox and Derek Larwick served as the newsletter editors this year. No newsletters were published. However, the committee made progress on gathering articles for the next edition of the newsletter. The committee expects the next newsletter to be published in early 2014.

CLE: David Rocker, Blake Robinson, and Christiane Fife served on the CLE subcommittee this year. A CLE focused on CPSC issues was originally scheduled for October 2014. Due to unforeseen scheduling issues, the CLE was rescheduled for March 2015. Speakers have been arranged and a venue has been reserved. The CLE subcommittee will begin advertising the CLE shortly.

Nominating Committee and Annual Meeting: The annual meeting was held in November 2014 and the proposed slate of officers and at large members was approved. The executive committee is evenly balanced to provide practitioners from both sides of the bar.

Other Activities: The section participated in the February 2014 bar swearing in ceremony by preparing a flyer to distribute to new admittees.

Budget:

The balance at the end of October was \$5,445. The largest expense for the 2014 fiscal year was \$3,000 in CLE expenses to reserve the venue.

A proposed annual budget for 2015 has been submitted to the Bar. No dues increase was proposed for 2015.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The committee elected to discontinue its law school outreach program. The committee decided to focus its efforts on newsletter publication and educating section members regarding important proposed legislation.

Recommendations for 2015:

The CLE will spend down some of the section's current surplus. After the CLE, the executive committee will need to evaluate whether the budget is sufficient to continue to offer low cost CLE opportunities or if a dues increase is necessary.

Respectfully submitted: Rachel A. Robinson (CH), Patrick D. Angel (CH-Elect), Jeffrey A. Bowersox (Past CH), Heather C. Beasley (TR), Michele C. Smith (SEC), Kirstin L. Abel, Todd Bradley, Christiane R. Fife, Derek David Larwick, Peter W. Preston, Blake J. Robinson, David Casby Rocker, Stephen P. Yoshida, Travis S. Prestwich (BC), Camille Greene (BL).

Real Estate & Land Use Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Summary – RELU's Executive Committee and its subcommittees worked actively throughout 2014. The Executive Committee met monthly except for July, August, and November meeting. Subcommittees met as needed. Subcommittees consisted of Education, Real Estate Legislation, Land Use Legislation, and a new subcommittee, Publications, whose function is discussed below. Subcommittees reported regularly to the Executive Committee through their Subcommittee Chairs, who are also members of the Executive Committee. The Section successfully conducted recruitment to replace the longstanding editor and assistant editor of its bi-monthly newsletter.

Education – Continuing legal education concerning a variety of topics related to Oregon real estate and land use law remains one of RELU's primary goals.

RELU Annual Summer Conference. The RELU

Annual Meeting/Summer Conference was held August 7 through 9 at Salishan Resort near Lincoln City. Registered attendance was about 154, which was below last year's attendance, consistent with the downward trend in attendance in CLEs during the past several years. The Education Committee, with assistance from Norma Freitas, was responsible for organizing and executing the Summer Conference, which provided 11.25 credits for those attending all the Summer Conference sessions, including 1 hour of ethics and 1 hour of child abuse reporting. The Section arranged for video recording of this program, which the Bar will offer as a podcast. Note: Norma has agreed to help organize the 2015 summer conference in Bend. Retaining her experience and services is a high priority.

RELU Annual Fall CLE. The section also held a one-day CLE on November 14 at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, providing 6.5 general CLE credits to attendees. About 57 people attended, 36 in person and the remainder via live streaming or video replay.

Real Estate Luncheons. The section sponsored several lunch-hour continuing education programs in Portland.

RELU Digest – Since 1978, the section has produced a high-quality quarterly or bi-monthly newsletter that summarizes and discusses developments in Oregon Land Use and Real Estate appellate case law, LUBA decisions, and legislation. The RELU Digest has been ably edited by Kathryn Beaumont and Eric Shaffner for many years and has a number of volunteer co-editors who write the reviews. The Digest is distributed electronically to all members unless requested otherwise and copies are sent to judges and law librarians. Publications are archived back to 2000.

In 2014, Kathryn and Eric decided to pass stewardship of the Digest to a new generation. The Executive Committee formed a new subcommittee, Publications, to recruit a new editor and assistant editor, and received a number of qualified applications. After interviews, the subcommittee offered the editorship to Jenny Bricker, and the post of assistant editor to Judy Parker. Both bring fresh ideas and a wealth of editorial experience. The Publications subcommittee will remain in place and meet periodically to provide guidance to the new editorial team. Jenny and Judy plan a number of changes to the format, starting in January 2015, and

hope to publish a new issue every two months in 2015, for a total of six issues per year. In addition, the Publication subcommittee and the Digest editors will work to better integrate the Digest and the section's website.

RELU Website – The section website is periodically updated by RELU's webmaster, Paul Tichy of Appaloosa Business Services and includes a calendar increased to show other bar related activities that would be of interest to members of the section. Past RELU Digest issues are available to RELU members in the Website's archives, providing a data base of articles and summaries covering a wide variety of real estate and land use topics going back to the year 2000 are also available to members on the RELU Website.

RELU Listserve – The listserv continues to provide a useful communication tool for section members to exchange ideas and to post questions on legal issues. The Executive Committee appoints a list serve moderator, but the RELU Listserv is largely self-governing. Members rate the listserv as one of the most beneficial and widely used services provided by the Section to RELU members.

Membership and Volunteer Development – The Executive Committee continues to focus on membership development and attempts to encourage new and continuing section members to volunteer opportunities. New Bar members are offered a free membership for the balance of the year of swearing-in. Sign-up sheets are distributed at the annual meeting encouraging participation in the subcommittees.

LUBA Opinions – The section promoted two initiatives to provide easier and timelier access to LUBA opinions. First, the section contributed \$3,000 to pay for scanning 10 years of opinions and orders, so that LUBA could place digital copies on its website, from which they can be copied and made available through FastCase. This project, when completed, will make these opinions and orders more widely available to section members and the public. Second, the section worked with Willamette University Online to add summaries of recent LUBA opinions to their free subscription service. The summaries are drafted by Willamette law students, and typically are posted within one to two weeks after the opinion is issued.

Real Estate Bar-Books – In 2013, the section approached the bar with a proposal to update the Real Estate Bar-Books, and several members of the Executive Committee assumed the role of lead editors and authors. Almost all the revised chapters are now complete, and have been published seriatim on the OSB website.

Budget:

2014 expenditures are generally within budget, but revenue is below projections due to several factors, including (1) fewer than anticipated attendees at the annual summer conference, and (2) fewer than anticipated paid memberships. Both declines are continuations of larger trends seen by almost all OSB sections. The decline in annual summer conference revenues was offset somewhat by increased sponsorship revenue. Reserves remain sufficient to cover the cost of RELU Annual Summer CLE should there be a cancellation or dramatic downturn in attendance.

Legislative issues:

RELU tracked a number of bills during the 2014 legislative session and produced reports available on the section’s website. Both subcommittees track all several hundred bills relating to real estate and land use. The Section provided comments on several bills.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section continues to receive reports from LUBA on its progress on a section grant to scan its orders and decisions from 1979 through 1989 and post them on its website, which would then be available to members via FastCase. The project is about 90 percent complete.

Chair-Elect Tom Bahrman initiated a project to contract with a website designer to update the design of the section’s website.

Recommendations for 2015:

The Executive Committee should continue the tradition of holding a long-range planning session in conjunction with the Committee’s Ashland meeting. The session is a valuable source of new ideas to improve services to members.

The Publications subcommittee should continue to meet periodically with the Digest editors to provide guidance on its direction.

The Executive Committee and Publications subcommittee should continue to work to improve the design, portability, and content of the section’s

website.

Respectfully submitted: Tod A. Bassham (CH), Thomas Bahrman (CH-Elect), Jeffrey B. Litwak (Past CH), Patricia A. Ihnat (TR), Jennifer M. Bragar (SEC), Dina E. Alexander, Eugene V. Anderson, Laura Craska Cooper, Laurie E. Craghead, Dustin R. Klinger, Isa Anne Silver, Alan Matthew Sorem, Rebecca Biermann Tom, Kristin H. Yuille, Norma S. Freitas (ADV), Hunter B. Emerick (BC), Jennifer Walton (BL).

Securities Regulation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Securities Regulation Section (the “Section”) sponsored four CLE luncheons on securities regulation topics (with a fifth CLE luncheon to be held for the December luncheon with an ethics topic pending) and obtained, or will obtain, 0.5 MCLE-approved credits for each of these presentations. (As of the date of this report, MCLE approval has not yet been sought for the November presentation, but approval is expected to be granted upon application.) The Section gathered for a social hosted by Perkins Coie LLP in August and an annual meeting dinner at which Scott Sandler, Fund Manager of the Oregon Angel Fund, spoke in October.

Jason Barker represented the Section on the planning committee for the 34th Northwest Securities Institute program, co-sponsored by the Oregon, Washington and Idaho State Bars in Seattle, in May, 2014.

Jason Barker represented the Section at the Oregon State Bar’s House of Delegates Annual Meeting held in November.

In 2014, the Section awarded a \$500 scholarship to the top two securities law students at Lewis & Clark Law School (chosen by their securities law professor).

The Section contributed \$500 to the Campaign for Equal Justice.

Budget:

The Section continues to enjoy a positive financial situation. As of October 31, 2014, the section had a cash balance of \$6,376 and the cash flow from membership dues and other revenue sources was sufficient through the 10 months ended on October 31, 2014 to cover expenses relating to luncheons, the annual meeting and the Section’s other activities.

For 2015, the Section projects a continuing positive cash balance and expects to continue its monthly luncheons, its scholarships and contributions, and its sponsorship of and participation in the Northwest Securities Institute, which will be held in Portland in May 2014.

Legislative issues:

Jason Barker represented the Section as part of the Oregon Division of Finance and Corporate Securities Crowdfunding Rule Advisory Committee (the "DFCS Rule Advisory Committee"). The DFCS Rule Advisory was charged with drafting a proposed crowdfunding rule for public comment. The proposed rule is currently subject to public comment.

Monthly Luncheons

The Section held monthly luncheons with CLE speakers at the Sentinel Hotel in Portland. A list of the lunch speakers for 2014 and the dates and subjects of their presentations follows:

November 19, 2014 Meeting - Crowdfunding in Oregon: A Review of the Proposed Regulation of Intra-State Crowdfunding. (Presented by Jason Ambers, Financial Enforcement Officer/Securities Registration Analyst, and Aeron Teverbaugh, Senior Policy Analyst, both with the Oregon Division of Finance and Corporate Securities)

September 17, 2014 Meeting - Intrastate Crowdfunding: An overview of the federal exemption and discussion of existing and proposed intrastate crowd funding exemptions outside Oregon. (Presented by Drea Schmidt and Claire Brown of Tonkon Torp LLP)

March 19, 2014 Meeting - Private Company Fundraising: Navigating General Solicitation and Crowdfunding in a Changing Regulatory Environment. (Presented by Jon R. Summers, White, Summers, Caffee & James)

January 15, 2014 Meeting - What Every Securities Lawyer Should Know About Arbitration, Forum Selection, and Choice of Law Provisions In Contracts and Bylaws. (Presented by Robert S. Banks, Jr., Banks Law Office, PC)

Additional comments:

As of October 31, 2014, the Section has 232 members.

Respectfully submitted: Jason Hartley Barker (CH), A Jeffrey Bird (Past CH), Brad S. Daniels (TR),

Matthew Dane Larson (SEC), Bernard John Casey, Nancy A. Chafin, Michael J. Esler, M Christopher Hall, Marco Materazzi, Van Mitchell Pounds, John C. Rothermich, Michael George Taylor, Kristen Lynn Tranetzki, Tanya Durkee Urbach, David C. Wang, Joshua L. Ross (BC), Susan Cournoyer (BL).

Sustainable Future Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2014, the Section's fifth year, the Executive Committee continued to refine and vigorously pursued its primary objectives: providing programs and information to bar members, raising awareness of and recognizing sustainable law office practices, growing Section membership, exploring emerging issues in sustainability and advancing dialogue about the intersection between the law and sustainability.

Newsletter

To date in 2014, three issues of The Long View were published. A fourth issue is expected in December 2014. The Long View features a variety of authors and a wide array of sustainability topics. The Long View is distributed electronically to minimize paper use and reduce production expenses. This year The Long View was edited by Michelle Slater and Ann McQuesten, who are assisted by an Editorial Board comprised of Executive Committee members.

Programs

The Section presented the following programs between January and October 2014, all of which received CLE credit from the Bar:

"Is Western Water Law Sustainable?" - Janet Neuman of Tonkon Torp LLP and former professor and co-director of the Natural Resources Law Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School, Martha Pagel, shareholder with Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt and former Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department, and John DeVoe, Executive Director of WaterWatch of Oregon, Inc., together reviewed western and Oregon water law and discussed whether the existing legal framework is adequate to protect, restore and develop water resources.

"Corporate Social Responsibility Reporting: Making it Meaningful" - Jeff Cronn and Marco Materazzi from Tonkon Torp LLP examined why companies engage in CSR reporting, the impact

of Oregon benefit company legislation, standards and examples of CSR reporting, and whether such reporting is meaningful or only marketing.

“Steps to Sustainability in Small and Solo Firms” – This program was a joint effort of the Solo & Small Firm Section and the Sustainable Future Section. Several solo and small firm practitioners discussed efforts, successes and challenges in adopting sustainable operations in their offices.

“Climate Change Plaintiffs Score in Oregon Court of Appeals” - Liam Sherlock of

Hutchinson Cox Coons Orr & Sherlock and Chris Winter of Crag Law Center discussed their representation of young Oregonians in a lawsuit challenging the State’s public trust obligations relating to climate change.

“GMO Ballot Measure Debate: To Label or Not to Label” – George Kimbrell of the Center for Food Safety advocated in favor of the measure and John DiLorenzo of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP advocated against it.

A program on the Fifth IPCC Assessment Integration Report was scheduled for November 22 but cancelled due to unsafe weather conditions. The Section hopes to reschedule this program in early 2015.

The Section, in collaboration with the University of Oregon Environmental Law Center, has planned a December 11, 2014 program regarding the nature’s trust legal theory titled “Is Environmental Law Broken?” by University of Oregon Professor Mary Wood.

By the end of 2014, the Section will have presented 30 programs over its first five years.

Awards

The Section updated its Partners in Sustainability Program criteria and received applications from fourteen law firms and offices. Also, in 2014 the Section presented its fourth annual Sustainable Law Office Leadership Award to recognize the law firm that has most successfully implemented paperless practices. Bodyfelt Mount LLP received the 2014 Award.

Also in 2014, the Section joined the President of the Oregon State Bar in congratulating Steven Schell at Black Heltterline on receiving the President’s Sustainability Award.

Study Groups

The Section continued several study groups. One study group continued to study the feasibility and effect of creating a state office of legal guardian to analyze how proposed legislation and administrative rules would impact future generations. The Section has formed a partnership with Senior Advocates for Generational Equity to further develop this concept. An article introducing the concept appeared in *The Long View* in 2014.

The study group examining the interface between sustainability and various animal welfare rating standards, such as the Global Animal Partnership and Certified Humane, published an article on the topic in *The Long View*.

Outreach

In order to encourage lawyer groups in other states to develop sustainability-oriented lawyer groups, the Section has been establishing connections across the country. Jim Kennedy gave presentations to the Boston & Massachusetts Bar Associations regarding the Section’s creation and work to date. Jim Kennedy, Diane Henkels and Dick Roy participated in a teleconference with the ABA Task Force on Sustainability for the same purpose.

Budget:

As of October 15, 2014, the Section’s projected 2014 expenses were \$4,838 with a projected year-end balance of \$9,233. As in prior years, the Executive Committee continued to spend Section funds conservatively in 2014. The largest expenditures were for the OSB services assessment, awards and special projects, including advertising expenses associated with the Section’s Sustainable Law Office Leadership Award and Partners in Sustainability Program.

For 2015, major budgeted expenses again are anticipated to include special projects and awards (\$2000 each) and the increased OSB Support Services Assessment (\$2,400). The Section hopes to use some of its funds plans to offer a more costly CLE program, potentially a day-long program focusing on a broader topic of interest or a single event with a nationally prestigious speaker.

Recommendations for 2015:

In early 2015, Executive Committee members will attend a retreat to plan for 2015 and the future.

The Section plans to continue offering multiple

programs, publishing The Long View and recognizing lawyer and law firm efforts to improve sustainable office practices. As noted above, the Section is considering presenting a national-caliber speaker at a significant program.

The Section's legal guardian study group will continue its work and likely develop programs and articles on the topic. Other study groups may be created.

Leadership

At the recommendation of the nominating committee, the Section elected the following slate of officers and executive committee members: Chair: Robin Seifried, Chair-Elect: Ann McQuesten, Treasurer, Jim Kennedy; Secretary, Diane Henkels; members-at-large for two-year terms: Dick Roy, Michelle Slater and June Wiyrick Flores; and member-at-large for a one-year term Lindsay Byrne. Current Chair Jennifer Gates will become immediate past-Chair, and members-at-large Maggie Vining and Max Miller will continue with a two-year term ending in 2015.

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer L. Gates (CH), Robin Bellanca Seifried (CH-Elect), Michelle Slater (Past CH), James M. Kennedy (TR), Ann McQuesten (SEC), Janna A. Aginsky, Monique Lee Hawthorne, Diane Henkels, Max M. Miller, Richard E. Roy, Margaret Vining, Matthew H. Kehoe (BC), Rod Wegener (BL).

Technology Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Technology Law Section executive committee met monthly except for one summer month to manage the projects of the committee. After extensive discussions about our mission the Executive Committee discussed a name change during several monthly meetings and at our June 5, 2014 meeting unanimously approved a motion to change the name. Our request to the Board of Governors of the OSB to change our name was granted. The name change request was the result of a realization that computers have become ubiquitous and that many of us are connected to the Internet through our cell phones and other electronic devices most of the time. This prompted our discussion of our mission, the attendant legal issues and how our program offerings have and will continue to expand

to encompass broader technology issues in addition to the issues reflected by our present name.

Our revitalization subcommittee in conjunction with the renaming of the section hosted an open house at PICA on October 1, 2014. The attendance at the event was not as great as hoped and ways to improve upon attendance at future events was discussed at the November Executive Committee Meeting.

We continue to offer periodic luncheon CLEs at Kells on a variety of topics we believe are of interest to our membership. This year we have had presentations on diverse topics such as: The Impact of the CLS Bank Decision, Crowdfunding and Raising Money on the Internet and Social Media Ethics Issues for Lawyers. We also cosponsored events with the Oregon Patent Law Association.

The Section in conjunction with the OSB CLE Department hosted two half day seminars. The first in June was A Luddites Guide to Technology Law Issue Spotting which included presentations on Intellectual Property Basics, Noncompetes, NDAs and Trade Secrets, a Legal Perspective on the Software Development Cycle and Social Media Law. The second in October was What Technology has Produced – The Internet of Things and Drones. Both programs were well received.

At the present time this section does not publish a newsletter.

Budget:

Like many other OSB sections, membership revenue has declined slightly over the past few years, but the Section's finances remain healthy. The Technology Law Section continues to offset some of its expenses with revenue generated by CLEs. Traditionally, in the past, the executive committee has worked to reduce its year-end balance slightly by investing more funds in its out-of-town speakers for annual and luncheon CLEs. We did not do much in that direction this year but hope to have more national speakers in the upcoming year. We will continue to assess our revenue and expenses throughout the coming year and whether further adjustments to the budget are necessary.

Legislative issues:

The Section has not been the driving force in any legislative initiatives this year, but has stayed apprised of and discussed relevant legislative

developments over the year.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

During the year, the Executive Committee considered and decided upon a variety of matters related to the normal operation of the Section, such as CLE presentations, operation of the Section website, collaboration with other OSB Sections on CLEs or legislative matters, outreach efforts to potential new members, and revenue and expense management. Pending matters include planning further outreach activities involving young lawyers and others with interest in the sections continued mission. We will also be planning additional CLEs of various types including either full or half day programs with the OSB CLE Department and Luncheon CLEs.

Recommendations for 2015:

The Technology Law Section executive committee is recommending, for 2015, that: (i) the Section should continue initiating some “non-traditional” outreach events, such as evening socials with interesting themes at locations in an effort to enhance awareness of the section and promote new membership; (ii) the Section should improve the format of its website and use social media tools to reach potential new members and to provide additional services to the membership; (iii) the Section should continue to explore and engage in additional efforts to recruit new bar members; and (iv) the Section should continue to be active in planning and implementing CLEs.

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Workers’ Compensation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section held its annual business meeting on May 9, 2014 at the Salishan Spa and Golf Resort at Gleneden Beach, Oregon. The meeting was chaired by Jacqueline M. Jacobson. New officers

and executive committee members were elected for 2015.

The section sponsored two CLEs this year. The first took place on May 9th and 10th, 2014, at the Salishan Spa and Golf Resort at Gleneden Beach, Oregon, in conjunction with the section’s annual meeting. The planning committee was lead by ALJ Geoff Wren, Board Member Sally Curey, and attorney Robert Kinney. The keynote speaker was Brad Avakian, Labor Commissioner for the State of Oregon. The seminar was approved for 9 general credits and featured presentations on claim preclusion, Washington workers’ compensation law, concussion/mild traumatic brain injury, pain management and addiction, stress claims, temporary disability, and an appellate law update.

Our second seminar, the Bench/Bar Professionalism Forum, was held at the Oregon Gardens in Silverton, Oregon on October 24, 2014. The planning committee was led by attorney Kevin Barrett. The seminar featured speakers on ethics issues specific to workers’ compensation practice, and child abuse reporting, and was approved for 2.25 ethics credits and 1 child abuse reporting credit.

In addition to our two primary CLEs, the Going Forward subcommittee, led by Steven Schoenfeld, has continued to work with the Multnomah Bar Association and the Oregon law schools to promote the practice of workers’ compensation law. Due to their efforts, the University of Oregon will be offering a workers’ compensation practice class in 2015, taught by section member Larry Schucht.

Finally, thanks to section member Rob Guarrasi, our section has published five newsletters electronically, available on the section’s website, with a sixth publication planned before the end of the year.

Budget:

The section has maintained its budgetary goals for 2014, under Treasurer Ronald Bohy’s leadership, with a beginning fund balance of \$19,660, and projected year-end fund balance of \$22,891. Contributions were made by the section to the Campaign for Equal Justice, and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.

Legislative issues:

The section has two legislative proposals

submitted to the Public Affairs office of the Oregon State Bar. One proposal addresses the timelines for appeal of a Notice of Closure by a beneficiary when a worker is deceased. The second proposal addresses the use of interpreters during the reconsideration proceeding.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

While the practice of workers' compensation law continues to increase in complexity, our membership has dwindled over the years. The reduction in attorneys practicing workers' compensation law raises significant concerns over access to justice for injured workers, especially in those more rural areas of the State of Oregon. As a result, in addition to the Going Forward committee's continued efforts to promote the practice of workers' compensation law, the section is pursuing two avenues to increase membership. The first involves the redesign of our

section website, including the creation of a member directory. The second involves working with the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service to reduce or eliminate the 12% referral fee, in the hopes of increasing the number of workers' compensation attorneys willing to participate in the program.

Many thanks to all those section members who have devoted their time to assisting with the section's activities this year.

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