

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 2017 Section members, thank you for your time and expertise.

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Administrative Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Comradery: This past year, the Executive Committee focused getting the Committee members to interact with each other more directly. We shifted the location of our meetings to different locations with the intent of securing greater in-person attendance from Committee members. One meeting was held in Salem with a video feed to the Committee members who could not attend in person. Janice Krem hosted a welcoming event at her residence for those Committee members who could attend. The result was a greater comfort level among members of the Committee, with the (hopefully) attendant benefit of better comradery and improved working relationships.

CLE: The section hosted a two hour CLE in Portland. The first hour focused on new legislation affecting administrative law and state agencies, with Judy Parker, Matt Barber and Marcia Ohlemiller presenting. The second hour focused on child abuse reporting presented by Judy Parker. The CLE was well received and had 22 attendees. We worked with the Bar and thank the CLE department.

Fastcase: The Executive Committee continued its work on the long-term goal of updating and expanding the Oregon State Bar's Fastcase law library, based on the legislative assist that made final orders in contested cases available to the bar for publication in 2014 and 2015. The Bar has provided strong leadership in helping maintain the library, which we appreciate greatly. All agencies stayed on track in submitting final orders throughout the year.

Newsletters: The Section lost its newsletter editor early in 2017, and as a result, was only able to produce two Section newsletters. However, those newsletters were informative, and continued to provide timely explanations of evolving practice issues, case law developments, and procedural changes affecting practitioners. Thanks to Judy Parker for pulling together the newsletters for the Section.

Practice Guides: The Executive Committee took on a new project in 2017; evaluating the publication of practice guides for specific agencies. The practice guides would provide procedural guidance and practice tips for practitioners appearing before various high-volume agencies. The concept was modeled on several practice guides that the Section last updated in the 1990s. After evaluating various

options, a Subcommittee concluded that it would focus on publishing a guide for the DMV. The target publication date is February 2018 and will be available on the Section webpage. The Section will continue to assess whether to add additional practice guides in the future.

Budget:

The Section stayed on budget in 2017. We added approximately 20 new members, and expenses were as projected. The Section has a current reserve of \$13,904.00.

Our budget for 2018 will replicate the revenue and expenses for 2017. We did not raise dues for the 2018 year.

Legislative issues:

With the invaluable help of the Bar and Amy Zubko, the Section during the 2017 session tracked legislation with the potential of affecting administrative law practitioners. The Section commented on one bill, which was not passed. Updates were included in the CLE mentioned in number 2, above.

The Administrative Law Section did not become involved in significant legislative issues in 2017. The Section generally monitors and considers comment on legislation affecting: 1) access to administrative justice; 2) well-qualified, impartial administrative law judges; and 3) the fairness of procedures for administrative hearings and judicial review proceedings.

The Section anticipates remaining active during the upcoming legislative session in 2018.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Executive Committee is in discussions with the Washington Bar Association about co-sponsoring a CLE in 2018 that will address administrative law issues.

The Executive Committee will also evaluate whether to develop additional Practice Guides for use by Section practitioners.

Recommendations for 2018:

Recommendations include: monitor legislation, finalize DMV Practice Guide and evaluate additional agency practice guides, sponsor 1 day CLE with WSBA, continue publication of newsletter, and monitor Fastcase and evaluate expansion of same.

Respectfully submitted: Carson Bowler (CH), John M. Mann (CH-Elect), Judith A. Parker (Past CH), Andrea N. Ogston (TR), Cortney D. Duke-Driessen (SEC), Matthew Barber, Marie Phillips, Denise G. Fjordbeck, Janice Krem, Marcia Lynn Ohlemiller, Norman R. Williams, James C. Chaney (BC), Amy H. Zubko (BL).

Admiralty Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Section meeting planned for 5 Dec 2017. There will be a short business meeting followed by a CLE presentation titled "Recent Developments in the Maritime Law of Punitive Damages". Lawyers Noah Jarrett and David Boyajian will present. The meeting and CLE are free for Admiralty Section Members, and \$15.00 for non-Section members, applied toward 2018 Admiralty Law Section Membership.

Budget:

The section dues are \$15. An expenditure of \$0 is anticipated for the annual meeting and CLE, scheduled for 5 Dec 2017. Room rental and refreshments are being donated by Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

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

Recommendations for 2018:

Recruit new Section members.

Respectfully submitted: David R. Boyajian (CH), Todd A. Zilbert (Past CH), John J. Breiling (TR), John R. Dudrey (SEC), Noah Jarrett, Darien S. Loiselle, Elizabeth Tedesco Milesnick, Guy B. Greco (BC), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Agricultural Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2017, the Ag Law Section (the "Section") continued its pursuit of providing educational opportunities to its membership.

The Section held its annual Round Up CLE on May 19, 2017 in The Dalles, Oregon. Topics included speakers on the following topics; Trends and Updates in Agricultural Law, Food Safety, Oregon's Right to

Farm Law, Direct Farm Sales: Land Use and Liability Issues, and a 2017 legislative update.

The Section is also planning a brownbag CLE to round out the year.

The Section also wrote a letter opposing registration requirements suggested by the Oregon State Bar that would require the Section to use bar registration services, even for our brownbag lunches.

Budget:

The Section entered 2017 with funds totaling \$5,279. The Section's budget anticipated \$2,545 in 2017 revenue through membership dues and CLE registrations and \$2,955 in expenses. Budget numbers reported at the Executive Committee meeting in November suggest the Section will end the 2017 year slightly ahead of budget with year end funds estimated at \$5,653.

Legislative issues:

The Section did not expressly address any legislative issues in 2017, but members of the Executive Committee monitored items of interest to the Section. As noted above, the Section's Annual Round Up CLE included a session on legislative updates affecting Oregon agriculture presented by Katie Fast from Oregonians for Food and Shelter and Mary Anne Nash from Oregon Farm Bureau.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section followed through on its goal of expanding outreach to members and providing increased educational opportunities. The Section plans to continue offering both its annual Round Up CLE in May, 2018. In addition, the Section plans on continuing to offer periodic Brown Bag CLE events in 2018 on issues involving Oregon agriculture.

Recommendations for 2018:

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 outreach events in the Portland area in 2018 and to utilize the website and listserv for educational purposes for the section members.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Anne Copper (CH), Brandy Augusta Sargent (CH-Elect), Jeffrey C. Misley (Past CH), Michael J. Gelardi (TR), Sally Anderson Hansell (SEC), Christopher C. Criglow, Karin E. Dallas,

Joseph H. Hobson Jr., Caroline Lobdell, Helen Nelson, Wyatt E. Rolfe, Thomas C. Peachey (BC), Dani Edwards (BL).

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Activities and accomplishments:

This year, the Section: Presented three free CLE/Social events for its members on a variety of interesting topics and made great strides in increasing membership. The Section also maintained the bar-hosted listserv for its members and used it to announce opportunities of interest to members. In addition, the Section showed support to Oregon Mediation Association by purchasing a vendor table and making donations towards scholarships to OMA's annual fall conference.

Budget:

As of October 31, 2017, the Section received \$5,400 in revenue, spent \$2,800, and had an ending fund balance of \$7,351.

On the revenue side, dues were raised from \$20 to \$25 per member thereby increasing the revenue. In addition, the Section made significant efforts to increase membership and visibility of this Section by co-sponsoring CLEs with other sections and putting on regular CLEs and social events for our members. As of October 31, 2017, the number of paid membership increased from 191 to 216.

On the expense side, we have spent slightly more than 2016 due to the refreshments and food supplied at the CLE/Socials. We have taken measures to decrease expenses by putting on the CLEs ourselves rather than through the Bar, asking firms and other sections to co-sponsor these events, and decreasing the number of executive committee meetings. Also, we declined all requests for donations except donations for scholarships to the OMA conference.

Legislative issues:

The Executive Committee monitored legislative activities that are of import to its section members. We took action with respect to HB 2101, which would have had the effect of eliminating ORS 36.220 and 36.222, by asking the Bar to oppose the bill.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

To continue our discussion and implementation of a shadowing program that provides the mentee attorney the opportunity to shadow a neutral in

arbitrations or mediations and provide everyone with networking opportunities. This program should be open to all Section members seeking to enhance their practice as well as for those seeking to transition their practice to focus more on work as a neutral.

To update our website, which is very outdated and lacks content.

Recommendations for 2018:

To continue putting on regular CLEs on interesting ADR topics and social events that provide members with valuable networking opportunities. To establish a shadowing program as discussed above and update our website.

Respectfully submitted: Xin Xu (CH), Christopher T. Carson (CH-Elect), Amy L. Angel (Past CH), Tegan Schlatter (TR), Eric O. English (SEC), Tonya M. Alexander, Lisa C. Brown, Thomas W. Brown, K. William Gibson, Hon. Daniel L. Harris, Philip Alan Johnson, Myah Osher Kehoe, Christopher H. Kent, Roger A. Lenneberg, Gail A. McEwen, Molly Jo Mullen, Ronald E. Rhodes, James C. Chaney (BC), Cassandra Dyke (BL).

Antitrust & Trade Regulation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2017, the Section carried out its mission through the activities of its Executive Committee. The highlight of the Section's 2017 activities was the CLE Seminar entitled "Antitrust Enforcement Under Trump & Other Recent Antitrust Developments," held on November 10, 2017. The seminar featured an update on federal antitrust enforcement under President Trump from Professor Stephen Calkins of Wayne Law at Wayne State University, and a update on state enforcement issues from Brian de Haan of the Oregon Department of Justice.

Budget:

The Section has approximately 120 members and anticipates that membership levels generally will remain the same in 2018. Section revenues, generated primarily through member dues, were budgeted to be \$2,450 for 2017. Section expenses were budgeted to be \$5,492 for 2017. Section revenues and expenses for 2017 are expected to be in line with the budget. The cash balance as of December 31, 2017 is expected to be approximately \$9,500.

Recommendations for 2018:

In 2018, the Section intends to continue to fulfill its mission by providing useful information through iCLE programs. The Executive Committee will also continue to explore ways to further its strategic goal of outreach to Section members in areas other than Portland.

Respectfully submitted: J Matthew Donohue (CH), Keith S. Dubanevich (CH-Elect), Darin M. Sands (Past CH), Kaley Louise Fendall (SEC/TR), John B. Rocky Dallum, John F. McGrory, Kristan S. Mitchell, Tim D. Nord, John C. Rothermich, Masayuki Yamaguchi, Hon. Katharine von Ter Stegge (BC), Kes Joerg (BL).

Appellate Practice Section

Activities and accomplishments:

On May 19, 2017, the Section, together with the Oregon appellate courts, held a CLE entitled “A Day with the Oregon Supreme Court and Oregon Court of Appeals.” This was a large endeavor because it was an all-day CLE. Most of the justices and Judges from the Oregon appellate courts presented at the CLE. Attendance and feedback were terrific.

On October 18, 2017, the Section held its Fall CLE & Social. The CLE was entitled: “Beyond Implicit Bias: Beginning the Work of Recognizing and Addressing Structural Racism and Other Forms of Bias in the Legal System.” The speakers were Judge Darleen Ortega, Kasia Rutledge, and Hanif Fazal. Again, attendance was terrific, and we got very positive feedback. The Appellate Social followed, and it was also well attended.

The Section again sponsored an Oregon state appellate judge to attend the Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Summit. At Chief Justice Balmer and Chief Judge Hadlock’s recommendation, the sponsored judge was Judge Shorr. He indicated after the fact that he very much appreciated the section’s support and that he found the program extremely worthwhile.

After a period of exploration, the Section added a committee on Diversity & Inclusion. We tried to keep diversity and inclusion in mind in structuring and advertising our CLEs and in recruiting for new executive committee members.

The Section continues to oversee the Appellate Pro Bono Program. This year the section was able to get the program certified by the bar. As a result,

those without their own PLF coverage (for example retired lawyers), can provide services through the program.

The Section continued to add content to its website—largely related to events. The Section also continued to have a listserv.

The Section cosponsored the O’Connell conference which took place on January 27, 2017. It was titled, “Issues at the Intersection of Law and Science.”

Budget:

Because of the success of the Day with the Court CLE (the sections first all-day CLE in a long time, if not ever), the section had significant revenue this year—far exceeding what was budgeted. The section chose to make the Fall CLE and social free. Nonetheless, the section ended the year with a balance of approximately \$15,000.

The Section made approved donations to the Classroom Law Project, the Campaign for Equal Justice, and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.

Legislative issues:

None this year (except weighing in on Ninth Circuit split—discussed below).

Matters considered/Matters pending:

At the request of the Oregon State Bar, the section weighed in on proposed splitting of the Ninth Circuit. The Bar ultimately sent a letter to the appropriate senators stating that it had concerns about the various proposals to split the circuit.

The Section considered and decided to be a sponsor for the OWLs CLE entitled, “Doubling Down: United We Stand, Divided We Fall,” with keynote speaker, Barbara Arnwine.

The Section considered and rejected increasing dues.

The Section considered and decided to allow complimentary section memberships to judges.

Recommendations for 2018:

The Executive Committee discussed putting on additional free CLEs and perhaps bringing in paid CLE speakers next year.

Any other comments:

At its annual meeting on October 18, 2017, the Section voted to approve the following officer slate for next year: Chair - Sara Kobak, Chair-Elect - Derek Green, Past Chair - Jona Maukonen, Treasurer - Christine Moore, Secretary - Beth Cupani.

Respectfully submitted: Jona Jolyne Maukonen (CH), Sara Kobak (CH-Elect), Cody Hoesly (Past CH), Derek Douglas Green (TR), Christine N. Moore (SEC), Stephen P. Armitage, Beth Cupani, Nadia Dahab, Jonathan W. Henderson, Anna Marie Joyce, J. Aaron Landau, Pete Meyers, David L. Sherbo-Huggins, Julie A. Smith, Eli D. Stutsman, Timothy R. Volpert, Per A. Ramfjord (BC), Annalisa Baskett (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.

Section members regularly attend and actively participate in aviation events and CLEs including the Annual Pacific Northwest Aviation Law and Insurance Seminar hosted by the aviation section of the King County Bar Association and the Annual Aviation Law Symposium sponsored by SMU's Journal of Air Law and Commerce. In addition, a number of Section members continue to be active with the Lawyer Pilot Bar Association, a national association of lawyers specializing in aviation law and related fields.

Budget:

As of October 2017, the Section received approximately \$1,175 in membership fees. After spending \$392 on the OSB Support Services Assessment, the Section's balance was \$1,423. The Section will spend nearly \$800 to underwrite the cost of the annual meeting in December leaving approximately \$623 in the account for 2018.

Legislative issues:

The Section continuously monitors the Oregon Legislature for aviation-related legislation, including legislation pertaining to UAVs/drones, 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 and Insurance Seminar with the aviation section of the King County Bar Association in 2018. Also, in the spring of 2018 the Section will teach the Aviation Law class being offered at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Recommendations for 2018:

The Section will continue to support the Annual Pacific Northwest Aviation Law and Insurance Seminar in 2018, will continue to monitor the Oregon legislative sessions for aviation-related matters, and will continue to teach the Aviation Law class at Lewis & Clark Law School. The Section will also consider additional activities for Section member involvement.

Respectfully submitted: James B. Fisher (CH), Ross William Neher (CH-Elect), Patrick T. Foran (Past CH), Christine Tracey (TR), Sue McKeon (SEC), Donald B. Bowerman, Matthew K. Clarke, Thomas J. Flaherty, Spencer Karel, Timothy E. Miller, Steven L. Myers, Stuart W. Smith, A. Richard Vial, Robert B. Hopkins (ADV), Philip A. Rush (ADV), Guy B. Greco (BC), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Business Law Section**Activities and accomplishments:**

In 2017, the Section carried out its mission through activities of its Executive Committee and its subcommittees. The 2017 subcommittees are: CLE Subcommittee (chaired by Tyler J. Volm); Communications Subcommittee (co-chaired by Valerie Sasaki and Jeffrey S. Tarr); New Business Lawyers Subcommittee (chaired by Kyle D. Wuepper); Outreach Subcommittee (chaired by Thomas M. Tongue); Legislative Subcommittee (co-chaired by Christopher Hall and Benjamin J. Lenhart); Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee (chaired by Kenneth R. Haglund); and Castles Award Subcommittee (chaired by Kyle D. Wuepper).

Highlights of the Section's 2017 activities include: (a) the annual full-day CLE on various business topics (held November 3, 2017), and two quarterly CLE seminars, including one in Eugene Oregon; (b) publishing the Section's newsletter; (c) engagement in the 2017 Oregon State Bar Law Improvement Program, which resulted in one legislative proposal drafted by our Legislative Subcommittee being

passed into law; (d) awarding the James B. Castles Leadership Award to John M. McGuigan; (e) issuing a \$1,000 scholarship to an outstanding business law student at each of Oregon's three law schools; and (f) planning one social event in Portland co-hosted by the Section and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Budget:

The Section has approximately 950 members and anticipates that membership levels generally will remain the same in 2018. Section revenues, generated primarily through member dues, were budgeted to be \$30,640 for 2017, and Section expenses were budgeted to be \$40,180 for 2017. Actual Section revenues and expenses for 2017 are expected to total approximately \$30,600 and \$36,411, respectively. The Section's cash balance as of December 31, 2017 is expected to be approximately \$46,997.

Legislative issues:

During 2016, the Executive Committee approved and submitted four proposals for possible inclusion in the Oregon State Bar Law Improvement Program. After reviewing the proposals, the Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar voted to submit one proposal for drafting, provide Public Affairs Department assistance for two proposals, and declined to include the fourth proposal. During 2017: (a) Kenneth R. Haglund testified before the Oregon House and Senate Judiciary Committees in favor of HB 2610; and (b) HB 2610, which relates to the incorporation of electronic technology concepts into the Oregon Business Corporation Act and was based on the legislative proposal drafted by our Legislative Subcommittee, was passed into law.

Recommendations for 2018:

In 2018, the Section intends to continue to fulfill its mission by providing useful information through its CLE programs and newsletter, recognizing efforts and achievements of certain individuals through its awards and scholarships, advocating for the improvement of business law through continued legislative proposals, and supporting Oregon's business community through social events with business leaders and professionals in related industries. The Executive Committee will also continue to explore ways to further its strategic goal of outreach to Section members in areas other than Portland.

Respectfully submitted: Justin B. Denton (CH), David R. Ludwig (CH-Elect), Kenneth R. Haglund (Past CH), Valerie Sasaki (TR), Genevieve AnYeung Kiley (SEC), Lorie Harris Hancock, Benjamin M. Kearney, Benjamin G. Lenhart, Douglas Lindgren, David G. Post, Jeffrey S. Tarr, Kara Ellis Tatman, Thomas M. Tongue, Tyler J. Volm, Kyle D. Wuepper, Thomas C. Peachey (BC), Dani Edwards (BL).

Business Litigation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

March 15, 2017: "Mediation and the Effect of *Alfieri v. Solomon*"

May 10, 2017: "Oregon Public Employee Retirement Fund v. Marsh & McLennan: Lessons Learned"

September 20, 2017: "*Proportionality in Practice*"

November 15, 2017: "The Ethics of Mistakes & Bad Facts: We Have Met the Enemy, and He/She/They is Us!"

Budget:

The section was very close to budget for both revenues and expenses for 2017. Our 2018 budget is consistent with 2017 results.

Recommendations for 2018:

The Section's CLEs in 2017 received significant praise, and attendance was high this year (exceeding budget). We hope to maintain that quality in 2018.

Respectfully submitted: Bernard John Casey (CH), Timothy W. Snider (CH-Elect), Laura Caldera Taylor (Past CH), Timothy S. DeJong (TR), Shannon Lea Armstrong (SEC), Jason W. Alexander, Melissa E. Chapman, Peter Hawkes, Nicholas J. Henderson, Leslie S. Johnson, Christopher J. Kayser, Kevin H. Kono, Jarent Knauss Larsen, Kevin S. Mapes, Steven D. Olson, John W. Stephens, Robert A. Swider, Liani JH Reeves (BC), Stacy R. Owen (BL).

Cannabis Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Ours is a brand new section and 2017 was our first year. Our accomplishments include the kinds of structural and foundational activities consistent with that status. This year we: grew to 126 members; created a process for new lawyer and law student outreach; created a procedure to produce a

newsletter; constructed a web site; and created a useful listserv.

Early on in the year, we had some significant interaction with the Family Law Section. At their 2016 Annual Meeting, they had included a presentation that was of ‘reefer madness’ quality concerning parenting time and cannabis consumption, essentially arguing that cannabis consuming parents ought not have parenting time. We brought to their attention how this is inconsistent with current law, and encouraged them to take corrective action. We also held two social events; one during the summer and one as a part of the Annual Meeting.

Budget:

The Section has approximately 126 members, of which 119 are paid members. We anticipate that Section membership will double over the next year, and triple over the next two years, as the Executive Committee plans to engage in an aggressive membership drive and institute a monthly lunchtime CLE series in the first quarter of 2018.

As noted above, ours is a brand new section, and the subject area concerns a new and evolving area of law. Section revenues during this first year have been primarily generated from membership dues. As a result, the Section has operated with a very limited budget, but we anticipate that our budget will grow along with our membership over the next year, and we anticipate that we will generate additional revenue through the monthly speaker CLE series.

Specifically, we entered 2017 with no funds and anticipated to raise \$2,000 through membership fees. For the 10-month period ending on October 31, 2017, the Section has raised \$2,380 through membership funds, exceeding our anticipations by 19%. The Section had also anticipated raising \$5,000 in registration income for 2017, but we were unable to launch our CLE program and have failed to meet that goal. The Section expenses for 2017 were budgeted to be \$3,735, and for the 10-month period ending on October 31, 2017 actual expenses were \$1,185. The Section’s cash balance as of December 31, 2017 is expected to be approximately \$1,195.

Legislative issues:

Our section did not involve itself with lobbying this session, however, our plan is to work with the Bar next year to develop legislation for the 2019 Legislative session.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

As described above, we performed the tasks related to creating a foundation for our section and have pending our monthly CLE program.

Recommendations for 2018:

In addition to the downtown Portland monthly noontime CLE program, we discussed and will hopefully consider again holding an annual CLE outside of the Portland area, hold a CLE in connection with our Annual Meeting, and continue our statewide outreach.

Respectfully submitted: Leland R. Berger (CH), John Anthony Magliana (CH-Elect), Perry N. Salzhauer (TR), Andrew C. DeWeese (SEC), Edgar Diaz, Michael R. Hughes, Paul T. Loney, Courtney N. Moran, Eddie D. Medina (BC), Dani Edwards (BL), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Civil Rights Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Civil Rights Section Newsletter: We have published two newsletters this year. OSB Creative Services now does the design and layout of the newsletter and the newsletter is distributed by email. Articles this year included: “Oregon’s 2017 Legislative Session Produces Significant New Civil Rights Laws,” by Dan Grinfas; “Supreme Court Update,” by Damien Munsinger and Kirsten Rush. A Budding Industry May Wither Under the Trump Administration” by Greg Woods; “Civil Rights Legislation Introduced in Oregon’s 2017 Session” by Damien Munsinger and Matt Scherer; “Supreme Court Update,” by Alyssa Engelberg and Kirsten Rush; and “Recent Legal Developments,” by Richard F. Liebman and Anthony Kuchulis (April) and by Richard F. Liebman and Chris Morgan (September).

Social Media: we now have a Facebook page that contains information about CLE’s and our contact. And the bar converted our section website into a different platform: <https://civilrights.osbar.org/>.

Spring Public Forum – the section put on its free public forum focused on exploring the issues and resources available for non-citizens in this country. The forum was held at the PCC campus on SE 82nd Avenue. It was attended by approximately 80 community members. Representatives from multiple agencies and organizations were there to present and to be available as resources, including: Latino

Network; IRCO; APANO; Causa; Chanpone Sinlapasai, Immigration Attorney; Kayse Jama, Executive Director of Unite Oregon; Patricia Rojas, Executive Director of El Programa Hispano Catolico; and Sarah Purce, Lead Attorney/Rural Program Coordinator for Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services.

Fall CLE – The Civil Rights Section put on its annual CLE seminar, “Justice in America,” to approximately 50 people. It was certified for 3.0 general credits and held November 17th at the Federal Courthouse. This year’s program topics and speakers were: “Reflections on the American Adversarial System and its Role in the Protection of Civil rights – Hon. Michael Simon, USDC for Oregon; “The Erosion of Heck v. Humphreys” – Michael Rose and Jim Rice; “The Year in Civil Rights” – David Angeli

Donations – the committee voted to donate \$250 to Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. A donation to the Campaign for Equal Justice is budgeted and set for a vote in December.

Budget:

The committee started with \$1,657. As of October 31st, we had \$1,138. However, our CLE, our biggest fundraiser, had not yet occurred. While we expect that we will be modestly (a few hundred dollars) profitable for 2017.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The committee continued but without firm resolution the discussion about developing a policy on contributions to other sections, non-profits, lawyer associations.

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 continued our policy of offering membership to law students, free of charge and to provide free membership to new OSB members for one year.

Recommendations for 2018:

Given our overlap with the sections on Labor and Employment and Constitutional Law, consider revisiting and refining the Section’s mission and goals.

Respectfully submitted: Marc Abrams (CH), Kasia E. Rutledge (CH-Elect), Julia S. Olsen (Past CH), Marianne G. Dugan (TR), Maria Witt (SEC), Scott J.

Aldworth, Sarah D. Foreman, Allison J. Jacobsen, Blerina Kotori, Jesse Alan Merrithew, Guillermo Ramos, Jonathan P. Strauhull, Elisabeth A. Zinser (BC), Lucy Taylor (BL).

Construction Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

CLE Events: On October 27, 2017, the Section produced full day “Advanced Construction Law” CLE with 83 registrants at the Oregon Bar center. On December 7, 2017, the Section will produce a four (4) hour “2017 Practitioners Guide Before the Oregon Construction Contractor’s Board” CLE at the Oregon Bar Center. The December 7th CLE is co-sponsored by the Oregon State Bar and will also be viewable to persons unable to attend in person via webcast. Both CLEs provided a discount for Section members.

Newsletters: The Section published a quarterly newsletter on various construction law topics. The newsletters were sent to members via e-mail and posted on the Section’s website. Justin Monahan continued the role of Section Newsletter Editor.

Charitable giving: The Section will be making charitable contributions totaling \$5,000 for 2017, and will review the possibility of additional 2017 contributions at the next meeting scheduled in January 2018.

Budget:

The Section projects an ending balance of approximately \$25,479 at the end of 2017, with some uncertainty due to a December 7, 2017 CLE program. The Section intends to address the potentially high balance by making additional 2017 charitable contributions, as well as explore other ways to employ such funds to meet the Section’s objectives.

Legislative issues:

Jeremy Vermilyea and Jakob Lutkavage-Dvorscak co-chaired the Section’s Legislative Subcommittee. They worked cooperatively with the Section to inform of upcoming legislation. The Section distributed information about the deadlines and general requirements for suggesting legislative improvements for the 2018 session.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive board formed two CLE subcommittees to develop new CLE programs for 2018. The executive board has also sought additional

information regarding the update of the Construction Law CLE Bar Books.

Recommendations for 2018:

Continue to maintain the Section's website.

Focus on legislative issues for the 2018 session and facilitate the update the 2011 edition of the Construction Law CLE Bar Books.

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

Continue to host high quality CLEs and seek ways to reach out to Section members, including CLEs and socials.

Respectfully submitted: Doug L. Gallagher (Co-CH), Thomas A. Ped (Co-CH), Daniel L. Duyck (CH-Elect), Tara M. Johnson (Past CH), William G. Fig (TR), Tyler James Storti (SEC), Sandra D. Fraser, C. Andrew Gibson, Ryan Hunt, Jako Lutkavage-Dvorscak, Stacey A. Martinson, Justin Monahan, Michael W. Peterkin, Jeremy T. Vermilyea, Molly A. Washington, Curtis A. Welch, Jacob A. Zahniser, Jason W. Alexander (ADV), D. Gary Christensen (ADV), Katie Jo Johnson (ADV), Darien S. Loiselle (ADV), Charles R. Schrader (ADV), Peter J. Viteznic (ADV), Eric R. Foster (BC), Yasha Renner (BL).

Consumer Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section used reserve funds to hire Joshua Cohen, a nationally known speaker and practitioner, to provide a condensed version of his popular two-day training to help consumer lawyers in Oregon learn how to integrate student loan assistance into their existing practices. The February CLE was well-attended, well-reviewed, and profitable.

In April, the section co-sponsored with ONLD a CLE and social on consumer law issues unique to veterans as part of an ONLD series on veteran-related issues. ONLD has selected the series as their Project of the Year.

The annual day-long CLE in October was all about attorney fee petitions in consumer cases and featured an engaging discussion between the audience and a panel of district court judges.

In July, we held our annual luncheon with the Attorney General. The luncheon gives the Attorney

General and her staff an opportunity to share DOJ accomplishments and priorities and to hear from consumer lawyers. At the luncheon, the section presented an award to Phil Goldsmith, recognizing his four decades of work in consumer law.

The section held three social events this year. Keeping with recent practice, the first event involved public service—volunteering to feed the hungry—and the remaining events were traditional networking events, including a holiday social in December.

The section continues to maintain a member list serve and a section website with upcoming events and original articles on consumer law issues and cases of note. The section also created a new brochure promoting the section to use at swearing-in ceremonies, CLEs, and other events.

Budget:

Although section membership has declined slightly in recent years, CLE revenues have outpaced expectations and costs continue to run under budget. This year the CLEs brought in over \$11,000 in gross revenues. As result of higher than anticipated CLE revenues and lower than anticipated costs, the fund balance has grown to over \$19,000. The executive committee continues to discuss ways to creatively use the reserve funds to benefit members, with the recognition that membership revenues may remain at current levels and, due to changes in bar policy, the section may earn substantially less from CLEs over the next three years than it earned in the past three.

Legislative issues:

The section remains active in reviewing and providing feedback on legislation that impacts consumers. In the 2017 Regular Session, the section submitted written testimony in support of SB 98, a new law to regulate large, nonbank mortgage loan servicers. The bill was signed into law. The section submitted written testimony in opposition to SB 968, a bill that would have reversed an important Supreme Court decision regarding foreclosure law. The bill died in committee. The section also provided feedback on HB 2356, a bill to regulate debt buyers and increase consumer protections for debtors. The bill was signed into law. Two members of the executive committee prepared summaries of all significant new consumer laws for the Bar's annual Legislative Highlights publication.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive committee has formed an exploratory committee to investigate whether the section should consider offering an annual scholarship to encourage attendance at one of the national consumer rights conferences. No other matters are pending.

Recommendations for 2018:

In 2018, the section intends to sponsor at least one full-day CLE on a topic or topics of interest to consumer lawyers. The section will continue to maintain the list serve and website and to host both traditional and public service social events for members to network. The section will continue to monitor and provide feedback about legislation of interest to consumer lawyers. The executive committee will continue to discuss and implement creative ways to use the fund balance to provide services to members. If the Attorney General is willing and able, the section will continue its tradition of holding an annual luncheon with members.

Respectfully submitted: Kelly L. Harpster (CH), Jeremiah Vail Ross (CH-Elect), Michael Fuller (Past CH), David W. Venables (TR), Young Walgenkim (SEC), Kelly Donovan Jones, Matthew S. Kirkpatrick, David L. Koen, April Kusters, Eva H. Novick, Jordan M. Roberts, Joel D. Shapiro, Traci Rossi (BC), Matthew Shields (BL).

Corporate Counsel Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section's focus in 2017 was to offer more programming for its members and to reach members outside of the Portland metro area. The executive committee emphasized no cost programs to section members. The section also sought to welcome new members by advertising its programs informally on OWLS and the SSFP list serves, in addition to the usual formal OSB notices to one or two other OSB sections. The section also focused on getting more section members involved with planning section events by inviting two section members to serve as non-voting advisor members. This was a success as the two non-voting members were instrumental in planning programs and providing valuable input during meetings.

The section hosted 5 CLE programs in 2017. In April and May 2017, the section hosted a two-

part CLE series branded "Need to Know". The April breakfast program was titled "Need to Know: Fundamentals of Employment-Based Immigration Law and Current Issues" while the May panel was titled "Need to Know: Executive and Board Compensation". We held a professional development CLE preceding our June networking lunch called "The Grass Isn't Always Greener: Learning to Blossom Where You are Planted." In September 2017, the section held an extended CLE at the University of Oregon in Eugene on data privacy and data security in technology contracts and vendor due diligence, conducting cyber-threat risk assessments, protecting intellectual property (with a focus on trade secrets) and mitigating risks for corporate travelers. The Eugene event was followed by a social/networking event. The section's final CLE of 2017 was held in October and focused on ethics and elder abuse credit.

The section held a number of social/networking events in 2017. In June 2017, the section hosted its annual summer luncheon at the Riverside Golf & Country Club. In August 2017, we hosted a social event at a local brewery. In December 2017, the section held its annual executive committee member dinner.

Budget:

Membership has been holding steady at over 400 members.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive committee voted in November 2017 to make a year-end donation but still needs to vote on how much and to which organizations. We expect the vote to take place during the first meeting of 2018. The section is considering options for charitable donations and sponsorships.

The committee continues to consider whether to increase section dues to offset any fees the Bar will charge the section for CLEs. The committee remains committed to providing low or no cost CLE programs to its members.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Blumenberg (CH), Kristie L. Gibson (CH-Elect), Ann L. Fisher (Past CH), Josephine Ko (TR), Kimberly S. Boswell (SEC), Travis J. Benn, Elliott P. Dale, Ian V. Ford, Ning Fu, Linds M. Fulkerson, Cody J. Jordan, Harlan E. Levy, Simeon D. Rapoport, Ashlee M. Sorber, Brian S. Thompson, Meghan E. Williams, Robert J. Gratchner (BC), Linda L. Kruschke (BL).

Criminal Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

This proved to be a challenging year for the Section. The annual Spring CLE, scheduled for April 7, 2017, was ‘all systems go’, until a windstorm took out all of the power at the OSB office and beyond. At the last minute, the CLE had to be cancelled. Food, ready for the registrants, was donated to the Portland Rescue Mission. The Executive Committee works to reach out to all parts of the State. We held a summer meeting in Bend, and hosted a social meet and greet. In the fall, a very successful half-day CLE was held at the offices of Stoel Rives, followed by a social event.

Budget:

The Section continues to remain fiscally sound, operating at a surplus of around \$40,000. We continue to look to spend down some of that budgetary surplus by attempting to contract with renowned, national speakers for the annual CLE. Continuing to be fiscally conservative aided in the costs absorbed related to the last minute cancellation of the Spring CLE. The cost of membership again remained the same as it has for several years, and we have maintained the same charge for registration for the annual CLE. The Section again made contributions to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, the Classroom Law Project, and the Campaign for Equal Justice.

Legislative issues:

As it does each year, the Executive Committee discussed legislative issues that could be addressed in proposed legislation. We neither drafted legislation nor took a position on pending bills. As the committee is composed equally of prosecutors and defense attorneys, we seldom take a position for or against potential legislation.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Two matters will be important topics of discussion and debate over the next year. The first is the slow decline of attendees at the annual CLE. The committee has committed itself to exploring whether we should change the venue to a downtown Portland location, changes to our marketing strategy, and whether we should be attempting to contract with “bigger” national names for presenters. We are looking forward to a great program, already well into the planning stages, for the annual Spring CLE.

Recommendations for 2018:

Our goal continues to do the best we can for excellent CLE presentations on current topics that are important to our section members. Getting back on track to the annual CLE is foremost. Additionally, we feel it continues to be important to continue reaching out to the section members outside of the Willamette Valley.

Any other comments:

The Executive Committee of the Criminal Law Section remains committed to the membership through exceptional CLE’s and the opportunity for the members to meet and develop relationships that transcend the courtroom. We continue to be fiscally conservative, while seeing that the members are served. Suggestions from the membership are encouraged and welcome.

Respectfully submitted: Bradley C. Berry (CH), Kristen Lynn Tranetzki (CH-Elect), Shawn Evans Wiley (Past CH), Aaron L. Brennehan (TR), Jamie S. Kilberg (SEC), Milan E. Castillo, Peter L. Deuel, Steven H. Gorham, Donna Brecker Maddux, Daniel Ousley, Amy M. Queen, Gregory B. Scholl, Timothy A. Sylwester, Per A. Ramfjord (BC), Michelle Lane (BL).

Debtor-Creditor Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2017, the section sponsored two annual CLE programs: 1) the Annual Northwest Bankruptcy Institute (NWBBI), which was held on April 7th and 8th, 2017, in Vancouver, Washington; and 2) the section’s Annual Meeting and CLE which was held on October 20th and 21st at the William W. Knight Law Center, at the University of Oregon in Eugene. The section also held its “Saturday Session” in Salem on February 25th. The section continued its three-issues-per-year newsletter to its members, which they can also access online.

At the Annual Meeting, the section’s William N. Stiles Award of Merit was awarded. The award criteria include extraordinary service to the section members, outstanding contributions to legal education, promotion of professionalism, and community involvement. The 2017 Award of Merit was awarded posthumously to John D. Albert, who passed away in August. The award was accepted on his behalf by his family.

The section's Local Bankruptcy Rules and Forms Committee continued its practice of working through the year on proposed rule and form amendments. The judges have adopted several new rules and forms, which were effective December 1, 2017.

Budget:

Based on the presently available financial data (through November 2017) the section's actual 2017 revenues and expenses appear to be generally within an expected range of the budgeted revenues and expenses. Some expenses were a bit higher than expected, but not significantly so. Revenues were a bit less than anticipated due to a slight decrease in membership. Budget items were adjusted in light of recent statistics and reasonable expectations, and with emphasis on the section's primary purposes. The ending fund balance as of November 2016 is approximately one year of expenses. It is anticipated that membership will experience a small decrease, but not large enough to adversely impact the budget. No dues increase is anticipated.

Legislative issues:

The section's legislative committee followed several bills being considered in the 2017 Oregon legislative session, including SB254, SB362, SB381, SB654, SB899, HB2166, HB2272, HB2356, and HB3299. The new receivership statute, SB899, was signed into law on June 15, 2017, enacting the Oregon Receivership Code. The stated purpose of the new Code is to bring clarity to receivership practice in Oregon. The Oregon Receivership Code's effective date is January 1, 2018.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The section, and the Executive Committee in particular, are continuing to work on the pro bono task force to further expand the pro bono bankruptcy program statewide, as well as outreach by the Public Education Committee which presents financial education to high school students and the general public. The section continues to devote a substantial portion of its time and resources to pro bono and educational activities related to the debtor-creditor area of the law.

Respectfully submitted: Clarke Balcom (CH), Justin D. Leonard (CH-Elect), Richard J. Parker (Past CH), Britta E. Warren (TR), Laura L. Donaldson (SEC), Alexander CJ Adams, Kent Anderson, Mark B. Comstock, Conde Thompson Cox, Michael Fuller, Jordan S. Hantman, Cassie K. Jones, Carla Gowen

McClurg, Margot D. Seitz, Wolfgang Georg Senft, Thomas M. Renn (EX Officio), John R. Bachofner (BC), Karen D. Lee (BL).

Disability Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

This year, the Disability Law Section focused on gathering information from our section members in order to determine what services our membership would like the section to focus on. The section partnered with the Bar to produce and conduct a survey of the section membership regarding desired services and priorities for the section's future. From this survey the section determined that the section membership is most interested in the section working to provide information to its members through continuing legal education and the section's website. To that end the section implemented a new plan to further develop the section's website and to post material for section members on the site regularly. Additionally, the section began the planning process for a CLE which will be held at the beginning of 2018. Throughout 2017 the section continued to advertise and seek applicants for its scholarship program, recruited new members to the executive committee and section, and co-sponsored events (like BOWLIO), which align with our section's mission.

Budget:

The section's budget is healthy and we are operating with a small surplus.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Planning the sections CLE for early 2018 is the largest matter continuing to occupy the section's executive committee.

Recommendations for 2018:

2018 will be a great year to focus on the priorities the section took the time to thoroughly identify in 2017. These priorities include putting on a half-day CLE with web-casting services and increasing the quality and quantity of informational content posted to the section website.

Respectfully submitted: Risa M. Davis (CH), Gordon C. Magella (CH-Elect), Juhi S. Aggarwal (TR), Kathryn L. Kammer (SEC), Jeremy Lyle Bordelon, Marcia Lynn Ohlemiller, Bill Spiry, Traci Rossi (BC), Mark Johnson Roberts (BL).

Diversity Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The OSB Diversity Section made great strides in establishing its identity within Oregon's legal community. This included undergoing a realignment of the section committee structure to best achieve our mission of organizing and leading the effort to create an Oregon State Bar that reflects the diversity of the people of Oregon. Membership in the section surpassed the goal and new members joined throughout the year, citing section programming as a reason for their interest.

Continuing Legal Education: The Continuing Legal Education committee organized and co-sponsored two Access-to-Justice CLEs this year. The first, held in Salem at Willamette University College of Law, was entitled "The Outliers: Diversity Stories From Beyond the I-5 Corridor" and featured diverse panelists from Eugene, Albany, and Bend. We also presented a Fall CLE, "From Charlottesville to Portland: How Lawyers Can Respond to White Nationalism's Resurgence," which was the most well attended CLE in section history. The CLE was so successful that we have been requested to repeat it in Early 2018 in the Eugene area.

Recognition & Events: The Recognition & Events committee has continued to honor recently appointed judges from diverse backgrounds, including hosting a judicial diversity celebration at Multnomah County Circuit Court honoring six recently appointed judges from around the state. A joint social was held between the Diversity Section Executive Committee and the OSB's Advisory Committee on Diversity & Inclusion in summer 2017, fostering the collaborative relationship between the groups. The committee has also started to brainstorm for the next iteration of the Convocation on Equality.

Collaboration: The Collaboration committee created an events calendar informing our membership of upcoming events from Specialty Bar organizations, the OSB, and other affinity groups around the state. They have also begun work with other interested stakeholders in a project that will create a database of diverse CLE presenters so that continuing legal education speakers of all different subject areas can reflect the diversity of our bar. The Diversity Section has also been a co-sponsor and/or financial contributor to a number of different events and organizations, including the Oregon Women Lawyers, Oregon Minority Lawyers Association,

Opportunities for Law in Oregon ("OLIO") program, and the Campaign for Equal Justice. The section remains committed to supporting attorneys and organizations that promote diversity initiatives and efforts around the state.

Communication: The Communication committee has begun work on new marketing materials for the section to be used to promote the section to new attorneys and the legal community. They have also started work on a new internet presence for the section to increase our capability to share events, news articles, and materials with membership.

Budget:

The Diversity Section provided monetary support for OLIO, Oregon Minority Lawyers Association (OMLA), Lawyer's Campaign for Equal Justice (CEJ), and the Oregon Women Lawyers annual CLE. Carlos Rasch prepared budget reports and forecasts for our section. Lane Powell generously agreed to host our monthly meetings in 2017.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Convocation on Equality toolkit is closer than ever to being completed. The section will work with the Diversity & Inclusion department of the OSB to obtain an outside reviewer to determine next steps and shepherd the project to completion.

Recommendations for 2018:

Continue to bring new members into the section. Build on the growth achieved throughout 2017 by continuing to put on cutting edge Access to Justice programming and supporting others in the legal community who are doing that work. Creating a Legislative committee is one of the agenda items for coming years.

Respectfully submitted: Jonathan A. Patterson (CH), Randy L. Arthur (CH-Elect), Yesenia Gutierrez (Past CH), Carlos A. Rasch (TR), Sara A H Sayles (SEC), Thomas S. Brennan, Kevin Clonts, Rima I. Ghandour, Shanelle A. Honda, Rebecca Ann Ivanoff, Janna Beth M. Kim, Melodye Mac Alpine, Julia Philbrook, Jessie D. Young, Liani JH Reeves (BC), Jonathan Puente (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 Scholarship Committee. Subcommittee membership is open to all interested section members.

CLE Subcommittee: The CLE subcommittee, chaired by Kay Hyde-Patton, 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. The Section has also traditionally held an unCLE in May in Eugene, Oregon. The format of the unCLE is 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.

In 2016, the Section agreed to maintain the Guardian/Conservator CLEs that were previously provided by OLI every other year. The Section added this to its rotation, beginning this year (Guardianship/Conservatorship; Beginner; Advanced). Attendance and feedback for this program has been great and the Section is committed to provide the highest level of education to members.

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 was chaired by Erin Evers, whose last year was this year. The Subcommittee will be chaired by Monica Pacheco in 2018. 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.

Scholarship Subcommittee: This subcommittee has created in the 2017 year. The Section issued 5 scholarships to new lawyers and those earning a smaller annual salary for the Fall CLE in October 2017. It is the plan of the Section to award 2 scholarships for the 2018 unCLE and 3 scholarships for the 2018 Fall CLE.

Legislative Subcommittee: During 2017, the subcommittee worked extensively with the Section, the Bar, and other stakeholders to monitor and participate in legislative proposals that affect elders and incapacitated or financially incompetent populations. It is chaired by Anastasia Meisner.

Budget:

As of October 31, 2017, the Elder Law Section had 553 paid memberships and 19 complimentary memberships (given to judges, court staff and OSB members of 50 or more years). This is a 5% decrease from 2016, and is commensurate with the overall decline in Bar Membership. Annual dues remain at \$25 for 2017. However, it is anticipated that dues may need to increase in the future. The Section maintains a reserve to allow for special projects from time to time, such as the new scholarships and a plan to provide a national speaker at a Fall CLE, and to assure a continued ability to offer newsletters and CLEs. In addition, the Section made contributions to the Campaign for Equal Justice, the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, Guardian Partners and a ONLD/Veteran Law CLE series in Medford, Oregon.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Various Section members have been involved and will continue to be involved with legislative proposals. In addition, planning is underway for both the May 2018 and October 2018 CLE events and the newsletter themes and topics are being settled for 2018.

Recommendations for 2018:

The Section will consider how to lower CLE expenses, as they are budget items that continue to increase beyond projections. The Section has been operating with a deficit budget for a couple of years to maximize the monies paid by members. However, current forecasts show that any surplus will be depleted within the next 4 years at the current rate. In order to allow for the CLE Committee’s plan of a national speaker, and to continue to provide as many

excellent programs for members to learn and meet one another, the deficit must be reduced. Current plans for this decrease include the relocation of the CLE's to allow for lower overall expenses and small potential dues increases.

Respectfully submitted: Monica D. Pacheco (CH), Jan Elana Friedman (CH-Elect), Kay Hyde-Patton (Past CH), Darin J. Dooley (TR), Theresa Hollis (SEC), Kathryn M. Belcher, Jason C. Broesder, Don Blair Dickman, Erin M. Evers, Denise Nicole Gorrell, Jennifer H. Kwon, Anastasia Yu Meisner, J. Thomas Pixton, Michael A. Schmidt, Whitney D. Yazzolino, Christine R. Costantino (BC), Matthew Shields (BL).

Energy, Telecommunications & Utility Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2017, the ETU Section sponsored 3 CLEs, one of which was combined with the annual business meeting and networking lunch. The CLE topics included: The Regulatory Compact, the administrative processes of unmaking rules, applied to both Energy and Telecom rules, the FCC's Net Neutrality rules, Oregon; the impact of Senate Bill 978 and the future of energy & generation regulation, and the FCC's Privacy Rules.

Budget:

The Section began the year with a fund balance of \$2,251. After revenues of \$6,811 and expenses of \$9151, the section is forecast to end 2017 with a fund balance of -\$89. The section has recently started charging members for CLEs, and is exploring less-expensive CLE venues in order to ensure a positive cash-flow in the future.

Legislative issues:

The Section did not take a position on any legislation in 2017. The Section does not anticipate taking a position on legislation in 2018.

Recommendations for 2018:

I recommend that the section make more of an effort to have CLEs available to members who live outside the Portland metro area, possibly by using less-expensive CLE venues that would allow us to afford videography of CLEs for later playback, or for remote viewing. The section should continue to aim for 3 CLEs, one networking opportunity, and its annual meeting (some of which may be combined).

I recommend that the Section plan at the end of each year for the next year's first CLE, and generally front-load its planning process for CLEs as much as possible, while retaining enough flexibility to address timely (and possibly unforeseen) topics.

Any other comments:

After previously receiving feedback from the Bar that the section had too high a balance, the pendulum has shifted the other way and we are focused on building up a balance until it reaches the \$3000-\$4000 level. The Bar would do well to revisit its charges for accepting electronic payment, which are far higher than comparable services (e.g., Square), in order to make this service more affordable, and allow the section to accept online payments and/or in-person credit cards. In the absence of such action, I recommend that the section explore other ways that it might accept electronic payments.

Respectfully submitted: Alan J. Galloway (CH), Jasmine C. Hites (CH-Elect), Betsy Bridge (Past CH), Adam Lowney (TR), Timothy L. McMahan (SEC), Sarah E. Edmonds, Ann L. Fisher, William E. Hendricks, Jeffrey S. Lovinger, David C. Olson, Irion A. Sanger, Mark R. Thompson, Henry R. Tilghman, Mark P. Trincherro, Mary M. Wiencke, Matthew D. Yates, John E. Mansfield (BC), Cheryl L. McCord (BL).

Environmental & Natural Resources Section

Activities and accomplishments

Brownbag CLEs: The ENR section hosted two free brownbag CLE programs on a range of topics relevant to the section membership. These events were well attended.

Annual CLE: The ENR section hosted its annual "Environmental Law—The Year in Review" CLE on October 13, 2017. Approximately 70 registrants attended the event, and we received positive feedback.

E-Outlooks: The ENR section published four E-Outlooks, which provide detailed analyses of recent legislative, regulatory, and judicial developments relevant to environmental and natural resource practitioners.

Case Notes: The ENR section published four editions of its Case Notes, which summarize recent Oregon cases (state and federal) that are relevant to our members.

Website: In 2017, the section's new website went online. The new site is an effective portal where members can access publications, review Executive Committee agendas and minutes, and learn about upcoming section events.

Budget:

The Executive Committee approved the 2018 budget with the following provisions. Dues will remain the same in 2018 at \$20 per year. Projected 2018 revenues are \$13,300 and projected expenses are \$14,420. This budget will provide for a reserve balance of approximately \$18,439. The section currently has 519 members.

Legislative issues:

The section issued an E-Outlook on the 2017 legislative session to inform members of environmental and natural resources legislative actions and activities.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The section will hold its annual meeting and Executive Committee elections on December 12, 2017. The section will also announce the recipient its annual award given to a deserving attorney for recognized leadership, service, and outstanding contributions in the areas of environmental and natural resources law.

Recommendations for 2018:

The section will continue to distribute high-quality E-Outlook and Case Note articles, sponsor brownbag CLEs, host field trips of interest to section members, and present another full-day CLE in October 2018.

The Executive Committee continues to work towards diversifying the committee and the section membership, and those efforts will continue in 2018.

Respectfully submitted: Dustin Trowbridge Till (CH), Lawson E. Fite (CH-Elect), Karen L. Moynahan (Past CH), Kate LaRiche Moore (TR), Sarah R. Liljefelt (SEC), Caylin Joy Barter, David H. Becker, Dominic M. Carollo, Maura C. Fahey, Rose Francis, Michael C. Freese, Tiffany A. Johnson, Diane Lloyd, Caroline Lobdell, Kirk B. Maag, David A. Rabbino, Laysan C. Unger, Elisabeth A. Zinser (BC), Stacy R. Owen (BL).

Estate Planning & Administration Section

Activities and accomplishments:

This year the Committee focused its work on tracking legislation that could impact our members, including the proposals by the Probate Work Group and proposed changes to the Advance Directive Bill. We also corresponded with the Bar Ethics Committee concerning a Ethics Opinion originally requested by our Section in 2014 that will soon be published regarding the ethical duties of advising husband and wife about the Oregon Elective Share. Finally, the Committee spent a lot of time negotiating a contract with section members, Jennifer Hill and Julia Rice to update the estate planning forms available to purchase from the bar.

The Committee welcomed a new editor, Christopher Cline, for its Newsletter and published a quarterly newsletter in 2017.

The Committee organized and supported two day-long continuing legal education programs this year, an Advanced Estate Planning program in June and a basic Estate Planning program in November.

Legislative issues:

Other than the legislative issues mentioned above, the Committee sponsored a bill- HB 2608 which modifies the effective date for certain recent changes to the Uniform Trust Code. This bill was passed into law this year.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The estate planning forms project will be an ongoing matter for the Committee for several years to come.

Respectfully submitted: Melanie E. Marmion (CH), Ian T. Richardson (CH-Elect), Erik S. Schimmelbusch (Past CH), Philip N. Jones (TR), Holly N. Mitchell (SEC), Stuart B. Allen, Sibylle Baer, Eric R. Foster, Janice E. Hatton, Amelia E. Heath, Erin K. MacDonald, Hilary A. Newcomb, Barbara J. Smith, Robin A. Smith, Margaret Vining, Eric J. Wieland, Julia Courtney Rice (BC), Amy H. Zubko (BL).

Family Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The 2017 Family Law Section Annual Conference was a tremendous success with over 400 attendees. The meeting venue was Sunriver, which was a well-received change of venue that allowed all attendees to enjoy an excellent panel of speakers in one large conference room. The meeting was approved for 11 CLE Credits, including 1 Ethics credit. The Section boasts offering this CLE for one of the lowest costs per credit hour compared to other Sections.

Last year, we implemented the new Professionalism Award and presented it to Eric Larson at the Family Law Conference. Judge Keith Raines also spoke to the section to recognize the outstanding contribution that Larry Gorin made.

The Family Law Newsletter was published every other month by our esteemed newsletter editor, the Honorable Judge Daniel Murphy.

Budget:

The Section continues to be in a strong financial position given a strong membership base and the large number of registrants at the Annual Conference. Our Section dues remain \$25.00 per member.

Legislative issues:

The Section proposed, drafted, and provided testimony regarding two bills in the 2017 Legislative Session. The first, SB 492 is a redraft of HB 2332 (2015) and is intended to streamline the process for parties to determine if a modification of spousal support is appropriate. The second, SB 522A will provide courts with the ability to claim against a third party that is named as the beneficiary of life insurance that was ordered for the benefit of a child or former spouse. Both bills passed have been enacted into law.

The Section also worked to ensure the procedural workability of SB 1055. This legislation, proposed by an incoming law student and military veteran, permits courts to enter temporary order allowing or requiring reasonable visitation between child of deployed parent and stepparent, grandparent or other family member related to child with whom child has ongoing relationship. This bill was also enacted into law.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section has decided to continue to host the Annual Meeting in Sunriver for 2018 and 2019. The Section has formed a committee to look at other venue options for the Annual Meeting in 2020.

The Section will post CLE materials on its website one year after the Annual Meeting.

The Section is evaluating how to transition its current website platform to the one suggested by the Bar.

Recommendations for 2018:

The Board of Governors is making a number of decisions that could affect CLE seminars in the future, including whether the section's Annual Meeting must be co-sponsored by the Bar. Among other issues, the section is evaluating whether videotaping of the Annual Meeting could dilute attendance at that meeting. The section values the large turnout, networking opportunities and collegiality that in-person attendance at the Annual Meeting provides.

The following slate was elected for the indicated positions: Officers: (*Terms ending December 31, 2018*) Chair: Jennifer J. Brown, Chair-Elect: Stephanie F. Wilson, Past-Chair: Jennifer E. Currin, Secretary: Amanda C. Thorpe, Treasurer: Zachary Fruchtengarten.

The committee would also like to welcome their new members for 2017, Amanda Thorpe, Keri Smith and Shannon Snow.

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer E. Currin (CH), Jennifer J. Brown (CH-Elect), Kimberly A. Quach (Past CH), Zachary Fruchtengarten (TR), Stephanie F. Wilson (SEC), Debra Dority, Andrew D. Ivers, Murray S. Petitt, Annelisa D. Smith, Keri J. Smith, Shannon Durfey Snow, Amanda C. Thorpe, Christine R. Costantino (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 2017. Each CLE was developed by a volunteer subcommittee of the Section's Executive Committee. The Winter CLE was held in February at Salishan. The Fall CLE was held in October, and was co-planned with the Oregon City Attorney's Association, and held in September at the Hotel Monaco in downtown Portland.

The Winter CLE was offered at Salishan Spa and Golf Resort. The topics included discussions on body cameras; elder abuse reporting; employment issues under the new presidential administration; public records; landslides; a legislative update; and veteran's preferences. The CLE was well attended received. Breakfast and lunch were included with registration. The CLE subcommittee solicited and received sponsorships, which allowed the Section to host a social hour at the conclusion of the CLE, providing an opportunity for public law practitioners to socialize in a relaxed, collegial setting. We offered scholarship opportunities for attending the CLE.

The October CLE was co-planned with the Oregon City Attorney's Association. At the CLE, presentations were given on the legislative session; public contracting; franchises and managing rights of way; public records; intergovernmental relationships; preparing for litigation; and whistleblower protections. The CLE was sold out and well-received by attendees. Registration included breakfast and lunch. At the conclusion of the CLE, the section adjourned to its annual business meeting, followed by a social hour sponsored through donations. We also offered and provided registration scholarships for law students and persons admitted to the bar within the last three years.

Regular Meetings and Annual Meeting: The Section's Executive Committee schedules regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. These regular meetings are scheduled at the bar headquarters. Executive Committee members typically attend telephonically by dialing into 1-888-891-0496; Passcode 854884. All Section members are welcome to attend and may attend by conference 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.

Website: The Government Law Section maintains a website with information regarding membership, including listing officers and Executive Committee members. The website provides links to our CLE announcements, and lists job opportunities of interest to the membership and Bar at large. Maintenance of the website is on-going.

E-mail updates: The committee sends 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 and law students interested in the practice areas of government law. The Section also offers scholarships to pay admission to the Section.

Budget:

The Budget for 2017 remained healthy. The Section had 447 members with approximately \$6,600 in revenue from dues. The Executive Committee did not seek a dues increase for 2018.

The Section made a slight profit on the two CLE events it held this year. Registration revenue from the two CLE's equaled slightly more than \$14,500, which was a near record amount for the section. Other revenue included sponsorships from multiple law firms and individuals, which as noted above paid for the ability of section members to have social hours after each CLE. Typical sponsorships were between \$100 and \$200 each.

As of November 2017, the budget forecast for 2017 shows that the ending fund balance should be equal to if not slightly more than the beginning fund balance for the year.

The section made charitable contributions in the amount of \$500 to the Opportunities for Law in Oregon (OLIO) program, \$1,000 to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, and \$1,500 for to the Campaign for Equal Justice.

Legislative issues:

The Executive Committee discussed various legislative issues of concern and impact on our practice areas as well as on our clients, but we

did not seek to have OSB take positions on any legislative matters.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

A sub-committee of the Executive Committee is actively planning for the 2018 Winter CLE, which will again take place in February at Salishan Spa and Golf Resort.

Recommendations for 2018:

Our 2018 recommended budget reflects a continuing commitment to fund scholarships for new and needy members of the Section, as well as continuing charitable contributions for worthy causes such as the Campaign for Equal Justice, OLIO, the Classroom Law Project and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. The Executive Committee has also discussed the success of co-sponsoring CLE events with other organizations and recommends that we continue to do so in the future.

Respectfully submitted: Chad A. Jacobs (CH), Benjamin Walters (Past CH), Brena Moyer Lopez (TR), William K. Kabeiseman (SEC), Eric Blaine, Thomas A. Brooks, Laurie E. Craghead, Eric S. DeFrest, Sarah E. Hanson, John R. Huttel, Tamara E. Jones, Douglas M. McGeary, Alan Andrew Rappleyea, Heather L. Reynolds, Kathryn A. Short, Kathleen J. Rastetter (BC), Denise Cline (BL).

Health Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2017, the Health Law Section hosted multiple lunch time CLEs and networking events at no cost to participants and organized and held its annual CLE as a two-day event in Hood River in October. Membership dues remained level and were waived for judges, judicial lawyer staff, new bar members, fifty year bar members, and law students.

Budget:

The section conducted its activities within the 2017 budget, and maintains a modest surplus of funds.

Legislative issues:

The section continues to monitor health related legislation and provides membership with updates through a publication available online and CLE offerings.

Recommendations for 2018:

In 2018 the section will continue focusing on providing educational and networking opportunities for members, adjusting its budget accordingly. The section will cap off 2018 by sponsoring its annual meeting at the Oregon Medical Association in October 2018.

Respectfully submitted: Meghan Bours (CH), Deanna Paige Laidler (CH-Elect), Mary Anne Anderson (Past CH), Rachel Anne Wood Arnold (TR), Brian M. Parrott (SEC), Sarah L. Bimber, Jenny Franks, Cindy Hahn, Bryce W. Hanks, Tom Karnes, Sid Khanijou, Megan Anne Lane, Susan J. Mahoney, Molly K. Marcum, Eric J. Neiman, Robert E. Sinnott, Amber M. Zupancic-Albin, Eric R. Foster (BC), Dustin Dopps (BL).

Indian Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

January: Indian Law Section Executive Committee ("EC") finalized and the Chair transmitted to OSB President Michael Levelle a list of current issues that Indian Law Section ("Section") members are working on in the area of Indian and tribal law. It was noted that while the large majority of the EC members voted to approve the document, the decision was not unanimous due to concern that the document contains substantive legal commentary. Also noted was that this was a "living document" and the issues may change in the future.

January: EC changed its conference call in number from a Bar conference call to a free conference call.

February: EC discussed participating in legislation related to recently promulgated federal Indian Child Welfare Act rules, and also an OSB Access to Justice CLE featuring Oregon tribes.

February: Section publicized Spokane County Bar Association Indian Law Section CLE and Bar Preparation Scholarship Exam Dates July 2017.

March: The Section supported with attendance and \$500 the Lewis & Clark Law School Indian Law Program Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA") Colloquium, and offered a travel scholarship to this free event. The Chair attended the event.

April: Two EC members attended the Oregon State Bar Lobby day at the Oregon Legislature. The

EC members attended the meeting summarizing the Bar's main issues of adequate court funding, and related topics, and visited in person at least two representatives to describe and discuss the Bar's legislative priorities.

May: EC prepared a letter to the Tribal Court/State Court Forum to have formal participation by Section in the Forum in order to share the Section's substantial experience including representation of clients in tribal courts.

June: EC members attended on behalf of ILS the Tribal Court/State Court Forum at Native American Student and Community Center Portland State University. Regular attendance at Forum meetings by a Section representative was viewed favorably by the Forum leaders Judge Lomas and Justice Martha Walters.

June: The Section Chair received request from OSB staff regarding a proposed gift of story wall "Diversity and Inclusion in the Oregon Legal Profession" ("Story Wall") to a tribal government located in Oregon. EC officers reviewed the Story Wall and found it to be very lacking in history regarding Native American and tribal law. The Chair recommended that this not be presented as a gift to a Tribe and that the Story Wall wall image and electronic versions be modified to include several more significant dates and events in Indian tribal law and history in Oregon.

September: The Section and OSB co-sponsored a day long CLE "Current Developments in Federal Indian Law" at the Oregon State Bar which was well-attended and received. Much input was received about what to add and correct on the Story Wall.

September: Section Nominating Committee presents slate of officers and EC members for 2018.

November: The Chair represented the Section at the OSB House of Delegates meeting.

November: EC supported the Tribal Court/State Court Forum by advertising the 11/7/17 Tribal Justice film and panel discussion. EC members attended the event.

November: Section co-sponsored with Northwest Indian Bar Association a social gathering at a Northwest Portland pub, buying food for the event.

Legislative issues:

Throughout the first quarter Section Legislative Liaisons tracked federal and State of Oregon legislation and updated EC. The EC considered but did not participate in any legislative changes or formal support or comment to matters pending in 2017, as law issues of significance such as the Indian Law Child Welfare Rules were receiving appropriate focus in the Tribal Court/State Court Forum. The EC considered and submitted request for OSB Public Affairs review potential correspondence to the White House to support the Administration's annual meeting with tribes in Washington D.C., but the Section did not pursue this further in 2018.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

EC considered participating as a resource in the Tribal Court/State Court Forum, participated in 2017, and will be informed of meetings going forward. As of this writing the update to the physical and virtual Story Wall is not yet updated.

Recommendations for 2018:

See the revisions of the Story Wall through to completion to the satisfaction of ILS.

Section as represented by the EC would take part in Tribal Court/State Court Forum meetings and continue to be available as a resource for the Forum.

Section Chair recommends having a newsletter in 2018.

Respectfully submitted: Diane Henkels (CH), Nathan A. Karman (CH-Elect), Anthony Stephen Broadman (Past CH), Jessie D. Young (TR), Todd Albert (SEC), Kristy Kay Barrett, Diana Jean Bettles, Jennifer Biesack, Sarah Rose Dandurand, Stephen P. Kelly, Douglas C. MacCourt, Holly Ray Partridge, Stephanie L. Striffler, Patrick Sullivan, Cathern E. Tufts, Kristen L. Winemiller, Eddie D. Medina (BC), Michelle Lane (BL), Jonathan Puente (BL), Sarra Yamin (BL).

Intellectual Property Section

Activities and accomplishments:

We held our annual year in review CLE in co-sponsorship with the Bar.

We held monthly brown bag CLEs, and arranged for a diversity of speakers with a wide variety of backgrounds. Some of the CLE topics included Intersection between Trade Secrets and Public Records law, Donation Request from Oregon Volunteer Lawyers for the Art, Recent Developments in Patent Law, Lewis & Clark distinguished IP visitor, and New Lawyer Mentoring Program.

We held three happy hours and other social events, and organized and/or sponsored outreach events with Oregon's law schools.

We held a CLE along with our annual meeting.

One goal of this year was to promote diversity among our CLE speakers. For our annual CLE and monthly brown bags, at least half of the speakers were women or minorities. Our annual meeting speaker was also a woman. As intellectual property law is historically a white male dominated field, we feel it is important to ensure that women and minorities are represented in the section.

Budget:

We will end the year on budget, with approximately 475 members in the section and a balance of approximately \$15,000.

Legislative issues:

There were no intellectual property-related bills in 2016 that warranted the Committee's attention.

Recommendations for 2018:

We would like to create a calendar for the executive committee to keep apprised of deadlines, and we would like to keep our website more current with the latest CLE materials and information.

Any other comments:

The Intellectual Property Section is a thriving and busy section of the bar. The executive committee meets monthly, and holds at least one event per month (a CLE and/or social event). We look forward to continuing to offer numerous, diverse CLE topics and speakers and other programs of interest for our section members in 2018.

Respectfully submitted: John D. Russell (CH), Thomas E. Vesbit (CH-Elect), Anne E. Koch (Past CH), Parna A. Mehrbani (TR), Ian D. Gates (SEC), Timothy S. DeJong, Scott D. Eads, Christopher D. Erickson, Kimberly Nicole Fisher, Amelia Forsberg, Tomas Gomez-Arostegui, Andrea Hicks Jasinek, Elizabeth Tedesco Milesnick, John Cathcart Rake, Mark W. Wilson, John E. Mansfield (BC), Dustin Dopps (BL).

International Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

2017 highlighted the need to provide our members with more frequent opportunities to network and learn so that larger ILS events can be more meaningful. This year we focused significant time and attention on holding an international CLE in the Netherlands that was scheduled for the late spring. Various members of the Executive Committee worked diligently to plan the CLE and attendant travel. To our surprise, only a few people signed up for the trip, and we wound up needing to cancel. While there are inherent limitations in members' ability to attend an international CLE, we assessed other potential causes for the failure of the CLE. We concluded that one significant reason is that ILS's membership are not sufficiently engaged in the section and may not have enough meaningful contacts to justify attending an international CLE.

We accordingly committed to providing our membership with more social events and content that can boost member involvement in the section. To that end, we formed a subcommittee designed to plan events, and our Executive Committee has focused more intently on passing along meaningful international law educational opportunities in Oregon. For example, the ILS co-sponsored a CLE with the USPTO about intellectual property protection in China. Per our usual practice, ILS again supported the Portland International Film Festival ("PIFF"). Since our new focus on planning more events and content occurred mid-way through the year, we hope to see our Executive Committee members make significant efforts toward strengthening the section in 2018 and 2019.

Budget:

The ILS generally stayed within budget for 2017.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The ILS is working on awarding a scholarship to one or more students who participate in an international moot court program at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Recommendations for 2018:

The main goals for 2018 are providing the ILS membership with more meaningful networking opportunities and awarding a scholarship. ILS also plans to host other CLEs during 2018.

Any other comments:

Our incoming 2018 officers will be: Chair – Sean Levy, Immediate Past Chair – Chad Colton, Chair (Elect) – Merrill Keane, Secretary – Alan Perkins, Treasurer – Masa Yamaguchi, Member - Kimberly Boswell, Member – Eric Kodesh, Member - Jeanette Schuster, Member – Dalia Nagati.

Respectfully submitted: Chad M. Colton (CH), Sean Patrick Levy (CH-Elect/SEC), Eric Jason Kodesch (Past CH), Alan C. Perkins (TR), Sean Patrick Levy (SEC), Dina Amira Anani, Kimberly S. Boswell, Merrill A. Keane, Jeanette C. Schuster, Masayuki Yamaguchi, Robert J. Gratchner (BC), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Juvenile Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

We held an annual CLE entitled “Juvenile Law: Down the Rabbit Hole” on February 10, 2017, at the OSB Center in Tigard. We offered a wide variety of presentations specific to the area of Juvenile Law. The feedback was largely positive and the speakers were effective and useful in their information delivery.

The 2018 CLE is scheduled for February 22, 2018, at the Bar Center. The planning committee, headed by Tiffany Keast, with OPDS, is working hard and already has a number of exciting and interesting presentations planned to address current issues within Juvenile Law.

In addition, the Executive Committee has continued efforts to reach out both to new Bar admittees and also to law students to encourage work in juvenile law. Committee members attended events at local law schools in an effort to raise awareness of our Section and the area of juvenile law in general. The Committee is regularly looking at other ways to attract new members, including hosting tables at other CLEs, and giving promotional

talks whenever possible, as we did this year at the OCDLA Juvenile Law Training Academy.

Budget:

We ended the year with a balance of \$5749 and the 2018 budget was approved at the November annual meeting. The Executive Committee voted to continue to approve dedication of \$1500 to the Juvenile Law Training Academy and \$100 to the Campaign for Equal Justice for 2017, both of which were also approved for 2016. We increased our contribution to the JLTA this year by \$1000. We did this at the request of the JLTA, in an effort to assist with their rising costs, for a CLE that we understand our members appreciate and look forward to each year. We discussed the value of covering travel expenses for our Executive Committee members from different parts of the state and continued to fund that for 2018. We remain committed to keeping a lower balance to be considered a reasonable amount at the direction of the Bar.

Legislative issues:

We had a very active Legislative Subcommittee this past year that reviewed and tracked the vast majority of legislation related to juvenile law. The subcommittee reported at each meeting and updated the Executive Committee on relevant legislative matters. Sections members, led by the Honorable Megan Jacquot, worked on recommendations to present to the legislature regarding fixing the service statute to allow for email service. This was successful in the legislature and is a huge benefit to juvenile law practitioners.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The largest issue addressed and supported by the committee this year was assisting with legislative change to the service statute, as mentioned above.

In addition, Liaison reports provided updates on Family Law, Criminal Law, Indian Law, Legislative Issues, Department of Human Services and a new Appellate Update. We continue to seek subcommittee members with an interest in and attention to those issues that directly or indirectly impact a juvenile law practice.

Our section website is a continued item of discussion. Last year we moved the maintenance of the website to the Bar, however the person in charge of the website has left the section. The members of the subcommittee are working on obtaining access to further develop the tools of the website. The

Committee continues to deliberate about different ways to ensure it is a useful tool for practitioners.

Recommendations for 2018:

Several thoughtful and innovative discussions were had regarding different ways to encourage or support section membership. One option included offering memberships connected to the annual CLE attendance. This idea should be followed up on by the membership subcommittee should it be possible under Bar rules.

Encourage attendance from Executive Committee members by keeping agendas concise and informative. Subcommittee attendance should be spread more evenly among Executive Committee members.

Any other comments:

The Juvenile Law Section has a very healthy number of section members considering the number of juvenile law practitioners state wide. We are proud to have Executive Committee members serve from across the state, many of whom traveled in person to attend meetings. Discussions were often more lively and helpful as a result, this should continue to be a consideration in nominating new Executive Committee members.

Respectfully submitted: Danielle J. O'Brien (CH), Morgan Wren Long (Past CH), Ryan W. Phillips (TR), Sarah S. Robbins (SEC), Kristen P. Farnworth, Scott Harris, Megan L. Jacquot, Tiffany Keast, Jason Kropf, Amy Saeger Miller, Timothy O'Donnell, Annelisa D. Smith, Annette M. Smith, Shannon Storey, Brandon S. Thueson, Traci Rossi (BC), Linn D. Davis (BL).

Labor & Employment Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section continued its very successful a labor and employment boot camp. The boot camp is provided at a nominal cost and scholarships are offered. A majority of attendees ranked the program very good or excellent.

This year's annual meeting and CLE was held at Salishan. The keynote speaker was Barbara Arnwine who the section was able to attract because of its available funds. Attendance was very strong in light of normal fewer attendees outside of the Portland metro area. The section increased the number of scholarships it provided, and it offered to pay the

room costs for solo and small firm lawyers who presented at the conference. In an effort to provide the CLE to more OSB members who could not attend the conference, the section partnered with Discovery Media to video the CLE and provide on-demand viewing of either the entire conference or individual sessions.

The section also co-sponsored a CLE with the OSB ADR Section and is working on a joint CLE with the Antitrust, Trade Regulation Section for 2018. Section member attendance at these CLEs is free.

The section contributed to fundraisers for the Campaign for Equal Justice, the Classroom Law Project, and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, and actively reached out to Oregon law schools to encourage law students to attend its CLEs and provided opportunities for law students to meet and mingle with practitioners.

The Section maintains a website and hosts an active listserv for all its members.

Finally, the executive committee continued its active involvement with the OSB CLE co-sponsorship changes and understood and was in general agreement with the majority of the final changes. The executive committee is identifying CLEs with which it will co-sponsor with the OSB.

Budget:

It appears that the section will meet its budget goals in 2017. The executive committee is aware of its fund balance and is discussing ways to provide more benefit to its members. In 2017, the executive committee identified the following ideas to provide more member benefit, and it implemented the underlined ideas: bring in nationally or regionally recognized speakers, provide Webcast / On-Demand CLE for viewing around the state, increase number of CLE scholarships, pay for technology to lower barriers for individuals who need accommodations, purchase equipment for CLE presentations (e.g. video equipment, laptop, camera), reduce CLE registration fees for section members, and reduce section dues.

Legislative issues:

The executive committee received regular updates on legislative issues affecting labor and employment law. After a thorough review and discussion of pending legislation, the executive committee decided not to take a formal position or advance a legislative issue.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive committee continues to actively explore additional ways to provide continued benefit to section members. In addition to free and reduced cost CLEs, the executive committee is considering bringing in a nationally recognized speaker that would be of interest to OSB members generally, not just labor and employment section members.

Recommendations for 2018:

In 2018, the executive committee will host an annual conference and CLE in the Portland metro area. It will look at hosting breakfast/lunch briefings and will continue to sponsor additional programming such as the boot camp. The executive committee will also review ways it can provide more affordable CLE events to section members and increase the section's scholarship program. The section will also look at ways in which it can co-sponsor more effectively with the OSB and other sections so that its programming can be shared with a wider audience.

Respectfully submitted: Lisa A. Amato (CH), Aruna A. Masih (CH-Elect), Sarah K. Drescher (Past CH), Clarence M. Belnavis (TR), Kyle T. Abraham (SEC), Stephen L. Brischetto, Barbara J. Diamond, Amanda T. Gamblin, Scott N. Hunt, Sally Ann LaJoie, Christopher G. Lundberg, Paul M. Ostroff, Elizabeth A. Semler, Jennifer Sung, Nathan Schwartz Sykes, Dennis E. Westlind, Vanessa A. Nordyke (BC), Christine Ford (BL).

Litigation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section continued its tradition of active leadership, excellent programming, and focused outreach.

Our Executive Committee was very active this year, meeting five times instead of the traditional four times a year. Inclement weather played a role in the committee meeting an additional time, but the extra time and meeting allowed the committee to focus on its mission and execute it with rigor. We also achieved geographic diversity in meeting locations allowing for maximum participation of the statewide group. We met January 14, 2017 by phone; February 25, 2017 at Skamania; April 29, 2017 in Cannon Beach; June 10, 2017 in Portland; and September 23, 2017 in Eugene.

The year was full of timely CLE presentations and programming, which were well attended by the section's membership. The programming subcommittee continued the Judge's Corner series offering free webinars and articles from Judges around the state on topics of interest to our members as follows: January 23 (featuring articles by Judges Rooke-Ley and Conover), April 17 (featuring articles by Judges Partridge and Murphy), July 17 (featuring articles by Judges Tripp and Hargreaves).

We currently have a bank of 35 articles authored by Oregon state court judges. The Executive Committee is considering the scope of the Judges' Corner (including topics and participants) so no further articles will be posted in 2017.

In October the section put on the biannual two-day Fundamentals of Oregon Civil Trial Procedure program which featured nuts and bolts topics taught by a distinguished faculty. This program successfully attracted young practitioners and a record number of webinar participants.

The Executive Committee identified a unique opportunity to collaborate with the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section in a project that offered valuable real-time information about mediations and mediation services. The members were invited to participate in a survey about their experiences with alternative dispute resolution and mediation. A well-known scholar on this topic then analyzed the information and prepared a free CLE for our members. This collaboration was notable in the execution, the timeliness of the survey, and the quality of the free CLE.

The Executive Committee participated in the program planning for the Litigation Institute at Skamania. Although there was a decline in registrations, the program featured some new programming designed to attract a more diverse group and we observed success in the number of younger attorneys who attended.

The Executive Committee has spent the last several years addressing the changing demographics of the section and expanding its outreach to newer practitioners. These efforts have been successful; we have seen newer attorneys join the section, we have diversified our Executive Committee, and we have increased the scholarship budget designed to attract younger practitioners.

Budget:

The section continued to be financially sound this year, operating consist with the 2017 budget. Although final numbers are not available as of the writing of this report, we expect to have an ending balance consistent with the ending balance of 2016 which was \$36,504. The current ending balance as of October 31, 2017 is \$45,741 which is well ahead of budget but does not reflect a few budgeted expenses yet to be paid, such as October's Fundamentals CLE.

On the revenue side, the section continued to show strong membership dues. There have been slight variations year over year on paid membership, ranging from 1,198 to 1,173 paying members. The Executive Committee monitors this number closely, and we have focused on membership retention and outreach to attract new members. Although the 2017 paid memberships declined, the Executive Committee does not believe it reflects a significant trend that is not already being addressed by Executive Committee membership initiatives.

On the expense side, the section experienced savings in several areas and saw most budgeted expenses come in under budget. Specifically, even though the Executive Committee met more times than is typical, the expenses associated with the Executive Committee meetings were well under budget. The notable exception was the expenses associated with the Litigation Institute and Retreat. This remains a flagship program that is attended by many, but the number of attendees declined this year and the costs rose. Fortunately, the overage was slight and savings in other expenses assured that the section met its budgeted expenses.

Legislative issues:

The Executive Committee has monitored legislative activities but nothing of import to the section's membership as a whole arose that required action.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Executive Committee is dedicated to providing excellent programming to the members and the groundwork for continued success with programming is in place.

In the coming years, the Executive Committee will likely need to modify some aspects of the Litigation Institute and Retreat. There are numerous options for maintaining this program's high quality while meeting budget requirements. The Executive Committee

began exploring some of those options this year but the process will be an iterative multiyear process.

Also, as demographics of the Bar as a whole changes, so too will the Litigation Section's membership. The Executive Committee will continue to monitor the changes in membership and proactively assure the section's size does not decline materially.

Recommendations for 2018:

The current Executive Committee recommends that in 2018 we continue excellent programming and membership recruiting.

Respectfully submitted: Renee E. Rothauge (CH), Scott C. Lucas (CH-Elect), John R. Bachofner (Past CH), Jeanne F. Loftis (TR), Kimberly Anne SY Stuart (SEC), Peter L. Barnhisel, Matthew Donohue, Gilion C. Dumas, Ben Eder, Lindsey H. Hughes, Steven T. Lovett, Josephine H. Mooney, Jennifer S. Wagner, Kate Anne Wilkinson, Xin Xu, John R. Bachofner (BC), Karen D. Lee (BL).

Military & Veterans' Law Section**Activities and accomplishments:**

During 2017, our section has energetically followed up on the foundation laid during the past year during Dave Kramer's Chairmanship. Specifically, we would like to share the following highlights:

CLEs: Building on our May 2016 full-day CLE on "Representing Military Veterans in Oregon," at the beginning of this year the Section constituted a Standing CLE Committee, chaired by Jaimie Fender and including Leslie Nelson and Jen Sackett as members. The CLE Committee planned and executed a series of shorter CLEs, combined with Social Events. The series was designed to partner with other Oregon State Bar sections and stakeholders. It was titled, "MVLS Uncommonly Discussed Veterans Issues CLE Series," and contemplated a series of CLEs throughout Oregon with five purposes: to reduce soiling between practice areas of the law, to increase public awareness of issues impacting Oregon Veterans, to facilitate more effective legal representation of Oregon Veterans, to raise awareness of the existence and work of the Military and Veterans Law Section, and to embrace impacted Veterans who may have experienced substandard care in the past. Ultimately, our goal was to improve the lives of all Oregon Veterans and Veteran Families, no matter who they are. This CLE series advanced

the mission of the MVLS: "To provide a voice for the Oregon State Bar to address the unique legal needs of Oregon's veterans and Service members. Through collaborative relationships and proactive initiatives, the Section works to secure that Oregon offers a legal environment which does not prejudice the men and women who have served our State and Nation."

The series included the following CLEs: Defending Veterans from Financial Peril on April 8th, 2017 at Bar HQ, Tigard, OR (highlights included a presentation by the CFPB on Veterans' Protection); Legal Challenges Facing Women Veterans and Service Members on June 20th, 2017 at the Oregon State Law Library, Salem, OR (Co-sponsored by Susan B. Anthony Chapter of OWLS); Legal Challenges Facing LGBTQ Veterans and Service Members on September 12th, 2017 at the Federal Courthouse, Eugene, OR (Co-sponsored by OGALLA, the first time in the Nation that a Veteran's Law Section and an LGBTQ Law Section presented collaboratively); Legal Challenges Facing Aging and Elderly Veterans on October 17th, 2017 at the Jackson County Justice Center, Medford, OR (Co-sponsored by the Jackson County Bar Association); Legal Challenges Facing Justice-involved and Homeless Veterans and Service Members on December 11th, 2017 in Portland, OR. The series was awarded the ONLD Project of the Year Award, and Jaimie Fender, the Committee Chair, was awarded the ONLD Volunteer of the Year Award.

Recommendation: That this Committee be reconstituted as a Standing Committee at the January Meeting.

Scholarship Committee: This ad hoc Committee was constituted in January, Chaired by Crowe, Neher, Member. The vision the Committee developed (and the Section validated) was to work to link interested eleemosynary organizations with interested law students and willing local area lawyers in order to provide the organizations with opportunities to fund law students externing in their local areas with lawyers who would supervise the law students in providing no-cost services to local Veterans and Service Members.

Over the course of the year, the Committee liaised with the law schools to understand each school's rules on awarding scholarships. The law schools were highly amenable to low-overhead, ad hoc projects which would provide law students opportunities to assist limited-means clients in need in a supervised setting, benefitting clients who

might otherwise have no access to representation, lawyers to network with local show eleemosynary organizations while demonstrating assistance to in-need members of their community, and students to develop practical skills while helping our Veterans and Service Members. This project is ongoing, as the coordination was relatively slow going.

No eleemosynary organizations have been identified yet, but law schools have been deconflicted.

Recommendation: That this Committee be constituted as a Standing Committee at the January Meeting. Mission for the next year should be focusing on recruiting eleemosynary organizations and lawyers, particularly in rural Oregon where fewer advocacy resources for Oregon Veterans and Service Members are available.

Judicial Conference Committee: This ad hoc Committee was constituted in January, Chair: Sundermier, Members: Hill and Conable. We were originally set to present at the October 2017 Judicial Conference, but ultimately we were pushed back to the May 2018 Judicial Committee because of OJD concerns about our presentation's ability to impact potential litigation. The Committee initially briefed the OJD Meeting Committee on February 24th, 2017. Our proposal was approved on February 28 and was allotted 1.5 hours at the Judicial Conference on October 23-25 in Sun River. We were asked to provide the programming for break-out sessions. By our April meeting, the Committee was able to report that former Oregon Chief Justice (and combat infantryman) Paul De Muniz has agreed to present at the judicial conference on our behalf.

Recommendation: That this Committee be reconstituted as an ad hoc Committee at the January Meeting.

MVLS Publications Committee: The Publications Committee was constituted in January as an ad hoc Committee rolling over from last year. Chair: Kramer, Members: Sundermier, Hill. At the January meeting, Crowe gave an overview of this project. Kramer indicated that authors and editors are hoping to get a finished draft to the editors at the OSB by the spring. The hope is to have an electronic version of the book completed and published by mid-summer and a hard copy published by the fall. At the February meeting, Wes Hill and Linda Kruschke (from OSB Publications) gave an overview of this project. At the time, editing on 5 chapters of 17 was currently underway. The 12 remaining chapters remained to be turned in.

Kruschke confirmed that we were on track to publish this year. At the April meeting, Committee was able to confirm that all but two chapters were currently with editors. On track to publish this year. The criminal law author has to quit the project but has left a very detailed chapter outline. By the October meeting, all chapters had been submitted. On track for publication. Launch party is being planned by Fender, hopefully to coincide with December CLE.

Recommendation: That this Committee be re-constituted as an ad hoc Committee at the January Meeting.

Nominations Committee: Wasn't formed until July. Chair: Crowe, Members: Griffin and Fender. As is tradition, the Committee's first priority was to not over-recruit, which prior experience has taught us is an excellent way to ensure people quit our Section in anger.

We also reached out to Members-at-large who had not regularly attended to determine whether they were still interested in serving in a leadership role, as well as circling back around to consistently-attending Members-at-Large whose terms were expiring to ask if they were willing to re-up for another tour of duty. Those members who had attended more than two fewer than five meetings (without medical reason) were asked if they would be able to attend more regularly in the coming year or whether they would rather tap out and return to a leadership role when their schedules were more suitable. Those who had attended two or fewer meetings were informed that their lack of attendance created the presumption that they were no longer interested in serving in their role, and that they were need to rebut that presumption if they wished to continue serving. Two Members-at-Large were considered for leadership positions, but it was decided – in consultation with the members – that it would be better if they served the second year of their Membership-at-Large and then moved into leadership the next year. The most important priority of the Nominations Committee was to ensure that a fresh flow of future leaders continue to be recruited and encouraged to remain engaged with the Section.

Recommendation: That the Nominations Committee be constituted as a Standing Committee at the January meeting and that it be detailed with keeping roll of member attendees throughout the year, to identify most consistent attenders are

suitable potential candidates for positions of greater responsibility within the Section.

Legal Education and the MVLS: We have met with all law school leadership in Oregon at various levels. We initially created the Oregon Veterans Legal Clinic (OVLC) with Willamette Law School, and we also worked toward getting approval to teach a law school class with MVLS volunteers. Although we were able to constitute a clinic at Willamette, the administration did not prioritize creation of a Veterans Law Class. The OVLC was suspended when the envisioned SSVF Funding Stream did not fully materialize. In the meantime, Prof Bill Chin from Lewis & Clark energetically moved forward on his own to offer a Veterans' Law Class at Lewis & Clark this coming year, and we have been working with Lewis & Clark to create a Veterans Benefit Clinic, due to Lewis & Clark's proximity to the Portland VA.

Respectfully submitted: Daniel Zene Crowe (CH), Mark A. Ronning (CH-Elect), David L. Kramer (Past CH), Mark John Holady (TR), Jaimie A. Fender (SEC), Trevor R. Caldwell, Paul W. Conable, Jennifer E. Dunn, Kurt F. Hansen, Wesley A. Hill, Ross William Neher, Jack R. Platten, James Gordon Rice, Jennifer B. Sackett, David L. Shawcross, Paul J. Sundermier, Brian Scott Wayson, Andrew Futerman (ADV), Luke Miller (ADV), Kathryn Smith Root (ADV), Kerry L. Sharp (BC), Troy J. Wood (BL).

Nonprofit Organization Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section continues to grow at a solid pace. Membership has increased each year and in 2017, our section grew by approximately 15%. The section experimented with CLE formats, and tried its first "webcast" in September. The webcast was well-received, and the section may continue with the webcast format in 2018. The section published one edition of a bi-annual newsletter, with the second installment to come in early 2018. A work group organized to review and propose updates to ORS Chapter 65, the Nonprofit Corporation Act, continued to work on proposed updates. The section held its annual membership meeting in September as part of the webcast CLE and elected a new Executive Committee and officers. The Section began work on a Bar Book on Nonprofit Law.

Budget:

The section is in the black. As a benefit to section members, the section held a social in October 2017 for its members. The section also made charitable contributions to the Campaign for Equal Justice and OMLA.

Legislative issues:

The section's Legislation Committee actively monitored the 2017 legislative session for proposed legislation affecting nonprofit corporations. As previously noted, the ORS Chapter 65 workgroup continued working with stakeholders to propose a version of an updated law. The Section expects to have a new proposed bill in 2018 for the 2019 legislative session.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Pending goals include having a legislative proposal ready for submission to the OSB in April 2018 for the 2019 legislative session, and continuing to work on the Nonprofit Law Bar Book.

Recommendations for 2018:

The section plans to continue publishing the newsletter, and may continue to experiment with CLE formats to maximize interest and attendance. The section plans to continue outreach to grow its membership.

Respectfully submitted: Kate M. H. Kilberg (CH), Anne Elizabeth O'Malley (CH-Elect), Nancy A. Chafin (Past CH), Scott O. Pratt (TR), Michele E. Wasson (SEC), David E. Atkin, R. Brent Berselli, Susan A. Bower, Susan N. Gary, Jane Coulter Hanawalt, Marisa Kaye Meltebeke, Nancy B. Murray, Eric R. Foster (BC), Anna Zanolli (BL).

Products Liability Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Products Liability Section had a productive year in 2017. The executive committee began planning a CLE expected to be presented in early 2017 on the issue of marijuana production. However, the committee changed direction and created a CLE on the issue of autonomous vehicles. The CLE was labeled "Autonomous Vehicles: The Intersection with Products Liability."

The CLE was held on October 27 and there were approximately 30 attendees. The section Newsletter is completed, and is still pending publication.

Submissions for the next newsletter are being developed, and submissions accepted. The Products Liability Section also continued our outreach efforts to new bar admittees by sending an informational flyer describing the Products Liability Section to be offered to new lawyers at this year's Oregon State Bar swearing in ceremony. The Products Liability Section continued to offer new bar admittees membership in the section for the first year at no charge.

Budget:

As of this writing, the section has achieved 70% of budgeted revenue YTD and is at 70% of budgeted expenses, with a robust surplus of \$5,701.00. Expenses are lower than predicted in part because of the deferral of the publication of the section newsletter. Budgeted revenue is lower than expected in part because the section has approximately 20 fewer members this year. Barring unforeseen events, no significant expenses are expected before year-end, 2017.

We have a surplus which is typical and acceptable for a section this size according to the Oregon State Bar. The surplus allows the Section to fund projects quickly and provides flexibility on operational goals. The Products Liability Section has not raised membership dues for at least the past five years, in part due to the budget surplus, and the majority of the section's budget is used each year to present its annual CLE.

Recommendations for 2018:

The executive committee has spent much of its time in 2017 considering three important goals for the section. The recommendation for 2017 is to continue focusing on the three goals below and generate new approaches to their fulfillment: Increase the section membership through outreach, Maintain the quality of section CLEs and improve attendance, and Publish its Newsletter on an annual basis to ensure highest quality content. In the past, a goal of 3 quarterly newsletters per year was considered, but the executive committee determined that in light of the amount of time and work involved in producing quality content, an annual newsletter is more realistic.

Respectfully submitted: Peter W. Preston (CH), Blake J. Robinson (CH-Elect), Heather C. Beasley (Past CH), Scott A. Brooksby (TR), R. Brendan Dummigan (SEC), Kirstin L. Abel, David E. Artman, Todd Bradley, Faith Marie Morse, Kelsey A. Terry,

Joseph S. Walsh, Stephen P. Yoshida, Thomas C. Peachey (BC), Camille Greene (BL).

Real Estate & Land Use Section

Activities and accomplishments:

RELU's Executive Committee and its subcommittees continued its work throughout 2017 to expand member services, to increase Section membership, and to increase participation in Section committees and activities. The Executive Committee met monthly except for July and August; and the November and December meetings were combined on December 1. Subcommittees met as needed. Subcommittees consisted of Education (Annual Summer Conference, Spring Conference and Luncheon Seminars, (each with its own subcommittee), Real Estate Legislation, Land Use Legislation and Publication/Digest, whose functions are discussed below. Subcommittees reported regularly to the Executive Committee through the subcommittee chairs, who are also members of the Executive Committee.

Annual Summer Conference. The RELU Annual Meeting/Summer Conference was held August 17 through 19 at The Riverhouse in Bend, Oregon. The Education Committee, with assistance from Norma Freitas, was responsible for organizing and executing the Summer Conference, which provided 10.75 credits for those attending all the Summer Conference sessions, including 1 hour of elder abuse reporting and 1 hour of ethics. Although the annual conference was held during the weekend immediately preceding the solar eclipse event, and during a time when smoke from forest fires was heavy in the Bend area, registered attendance was well above expectations.

Annual Spring CLE. The section's one-day Spring CLE was held on April 28, 2017 at the OSB Center. This year's spring forum CLE explored a variety of timely issues for real estate and land use practitioners. Topics included a discussion of rental issues and the affordable housing crisis, creation of legal lots, prescriptive easements and the Oregon Supreme Court's decision in *Wels v. Hippe*, the history of Oregon's inclusionary zoning program and how the City of Portland program is working, flood hazard areas, enforcement of private restrictions related to infill development, and an ethics session covering attorney-client privilege, work product and joint defense doctrine in Oregon. The spring CLE

has brought better attendance than the previous fall forum CLE. The Executive Committee has decided to continue with the spring CLE as a co-sponsored event with the OSB. The next spring CLE is scheduled on April 27, 2018. Attendance levels and post-session audio-video purchases for the spring session are a testament to the Section's quality of presentations and topic choices.

Luncheon Seminars. The section sponsored several lunch-hour continuing education programs in Portland. The sessions are audio recorded and posted at the Section website. Section members who are unable to attend the luncheon seminars can listen to the sessions at no charge. The 2017 lunch CLE topics included Land Use 101 for Real Estate Transaction Attorneys, Waterway Ownership and Boundary Issues, All About Property Taxes, and Property Owner Obligations Under the Visual Artists Rights Act.

Publications. 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 editor, Jenny Bricker, and assistant editor, Judy Parker, have brought fresh ideas and a wealth of editorial experience. The Publications Subcommittee meets every 60 to 90 days to discuss upcoming ideas, provide feedback on past issues and generally support the editors. The subcommittee is also completed a redesign of the Section's website, where the Digest is hosted. Judy Parker has taken on the role of maintaining the Section's website.

RELU Listserve. The listserv continues to provide a useful communications tool for section members to post questions concerning legal issues, and to exchange ideas and announcements about employment opportunities. The RELU Listserve is self-governing, but the Executive Committee appoints a list serve moderator who may occasionally find it necessary to remind members of the listserv protocols. The listserv monitor typically is the Vice-Chair of the Section. 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 become involved in subcommittees and other volunteer opportunities. New OSB members are

offered a free membership for the balance of the year of admission. Sign-up sheets are distributed at the annual meeting encouraging participation in the subcommittees. The Chair sent welcome information to new members and new admittees to let them know about volunteer opportunities with the Section and many subcommittees gained new members. The Section implemented a new program in 2017 under which Executive Committee members make personal telephone calls to new members to welcome them to the Section and discuss Section membership benefits and opportunities.

Budget:

2017 expenditures are generally within budget, with revenues slightly greater than forecast and expenses slightly less than forecast—both positive results. The increased attendance and sponsorship of the Section’s Annual Summer Conference was a leading contributor to the positive result. The Section will continue to maintain reserves that are sufficient to cover the cost of the RELU Annual Summer CLE should there be a cancellation or dramatic downturn in attendance. The 2018 Annual Summer CLE is scheduled at Salishan, which recently underwent a change in ownership resulting from an auction by investors. The EC and its Education Committee chair are monitoring developments at Salishan.

Legislative issues:

RELU tracked a number of bills during the 2017 regular legislative session and produced reports available on the section’s website, and published in the Digest. The Real Estate legislative subcommittee and Land Use legislative subcommittees track all bills relating to real estate and land use. The real estate legislative committee identified the need for legislative or rulemaking changes to the mortgage loan originator statutes in 2016 and a subcommittee continues to work on this endeavor. The EC identified the need for legislative changes to the landlord-tenant law and a subcommittee has been formed to work on this issue.

Model Opinion Letter. A RELU subcommittee continues its work on developing an updated model opinion letter for Oregon practitioners.

Recommendations for 2018:

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 Executive Committee should continue to explore outreach and mentorship opportunities for new lawyers in the RELU Section.

The Executive Committee should continue to work with the OSB to identify procedures that ensure that RELU’s Annual Conference can continue in its current format even as the Bar considers implementation of its new CLE co-sponsorship process. The Executive Committee should continue to satisfy the OSB co-sponsorship requirements with the spring CLE RELU-OSB co-sponsorship.

The Executive Committee should continue to identify opportunities for outreach to diverse members of the OSB, and to increase diversity in Section membership. The subcommittees that plan the RELU Section luncheon series and Spring CLE should continue to explore crossover topics with other sections. This effort in 2016 and 2017 has produced favorable results.

Respectfully submitted: Patricia A. Ihnat (CH), Dustin R. Klinger (CH-Elect), Jennifer M. Bragar (Past CH), Sarah Stauffer Curtiss (TR), Laura Craska Cooper (SEC), Eugene V. Anderson, Laurie E. Craghead, Anne C. Davies, Scott Hilgenberg, Lauren A. King, Peter Livingston, Marisol Ricoy McAllister, Bryan E. Powell, William L. Rasmussen, Kristin H. Yuille, Natasha A. Zimmerman, Timothy J. Zimmerman, Kathleen J. Rastetter (BC), Daniel P. Atkinson (BL).

Securities Regulation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Securities Regulation Section (the “Section”) sponsored three CLE luncheons on securities regulation topics (with a fourth CLE luncheon to be held for the December luncheon) and obtained, or will obtain, 0.5 MCLE-approved credits for each of these presentations. The Section gathered for a summer social in August, and an annual meeting dinner in November at which Michael Fuller, Partner at Olsen Daines PC, and Sean B. Hoar, Partner at Lewis Brisbois, discussed “*Equifax and Emerging Data Breach Issues*”.

B. John Casey represented the Section on the planning committee for the 36th Northwest Securities Institute program, co-sponsored by

the Oregon, Washington and Idaho State Bars in Portland, in May, 2017.

In 2017, the Section will award \$500 scholarships to the top securities law students at the University of Oregon School of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School, and the Willamette University School of Law (as chosen by their securities law professor).

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

CLE Luncheons: The Section held luncheons with CLE speakers at the Sentinel Hotel in Portland. A list of the lunch speakers for 2017 and the dates and subjects of their presentations follows:

February 15, 2017 Meeting – *DFR Legislative & Rule Update: Senior Financial Protection, Exemptions & Technical Fixes (Oh my)* (Presented by Aeron Teverbaugh, Senior Policy Analyst, Division of Financial Regulation and Jason E. Ambers, Securities Registration & Enforcement Attorney, Division of Financial Regulation)

April 19, 2017 Meeting – *Participant Liability Under the Oregon Securities Act: Recent Decisions at the Trial Court Level; a panel discussion featuring Keith Ketterling and Michael Esler that will focus on recent decisions* (Presented by Keith Ketterling, Stoll Berne, and Michael Esler, Esler, Stephens & Buckley, LLP)

June 21, 2017 Meeting – *Startup Company Issues for Investors and Securities Lawyers* (Presented by Bill Caffee, White & Summers LLP)

December 21, 2017 Meeting (Pending) – *Introduction to Securities Laws* (Presented by Dan Keppler, Garvey Schubert & Barer LLP)

Budget:

The Section continues to enjoy a positive financial situation. As of September 30, 2017, the Section had a cash balance of \$12,822, with net revenue of \$3,024 for the 9-month period ended September 30, 2017.

For 2017, the Section projects a continuing positive cash balance and expects to continue its CLE luncheons, its scholarships and contributions, and its sponsorship of and participation in the Northwest Securities Institute, which will be held in Seattle in Spring of 2018.

Additional comments:

As of September 30, 2017, the Section has 230 members.

Respectfully submitted: Matthew Dane Larson (CH), Bernard John Casey (CH-Elect), Brad S. Daniels (Past CH), Lisa D. Poplawski (TR), Caroline Smith (SEC), Jason Hartley Barker, Nancy A. Chafin, Timothy B. Crippen, Darius L. Hartwell, Thomas Russell Johnson, Christopher J. Kayser, Keith A. Ketterling, Marco Materazzi, Andrea Schmidt, Kristen Lynn Tranetzki, Kerry L. Sharp (BC), Susan R. Cournoyer (BL).

Solo & Small Firm Section

Activities and accomplishments:

SSF continues to advance its mission of strengthening solos and small firms through education, advocacy, and community. In education: we have continued our SSF Legal Lunchbox series of free monthly CLEs, generally having between 40-50 attendees per CLE; we held our second SSF Annual Conference “Agile and Cyber-Savvy: Advancing Your Practice” in Bend in July, to a slightly smaller audience than the prior year; and we will be holding a half-day set of CLEs called “Starting from Scratch” in December, focused at helping members start their own firms. In advocacy: we had an assigned executive committee member participate in the OSB Futures Task Force; we held a PLF CLE to answer many questions of our membership about the PLF. In community: we sponsored three quarterly networking/social events; we hold a monthly networking luncheon at the Old Spaghetti factory; we have an updated website that provides our membership with access to our calendar, Executive Committee agendas, minutes, and budgets; and we continue to have one of the most active and helpful list serves in OSB.

Budget:

SSF started 2017 with a beginning balance of \$22,864. We set a budget for 2017 of \$21,140. As of the end of September 2017, SSF had revenues of \$13,509, compared to an anticipated \$15,350. The shortfall in revenue came from a lack of revenue from annual conference registrations. As of the end of September 2017, SSF had expenses of \$17,137, compared to a budget of \$21,140. Expenses have been less than expected in a variety of areas. We had budgeted substantial funds for continued development of our website (\$3000) which we have not spent. We spent slightly under \$1000 less on both the annual conference and special projects. Underspending on contributions has been balanced

by slightly more spending than budgeted on outreach programs and telephone conference expenses, as we added participation in several law school and new admittees outreach events, and ramped up use of the conference system to give members more access to our Executive Committee meetings. As of the end of September, our year to date balance stands at \$19,235 against a budgeted \$19,571.

Legislative issues:

SSF made no proposals for legislative action this year. We had an executive committee member participate on the OSB Futures Task Force, which completed an extensive report recommending a variety of initiatives to recognize the changing nature of law practice in the 21st century and to deal with the widening access to justice gap. We expect SSF to continue to participate actively in these initiatives, as many of them will directly impact service to our membership's lower-income, individual clientele.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

We will carry over to 2018 plans to develop a member directory for the website, a newsletter or blog or both for the website/listserv, a half day CLE on ways to work with attorneys outside one's own firm, as well as work with the OSB on the initiatives that came out of the Futures Task Force.

Recommendations for 2018:

SSF looks forward to continuing to improve its CLE offerings to its membership. We are considering how to improve the conference and whether to make it biennial as opposed to annual, to increase interest and participation. We hope to expand to 4 quarterly networking activities, as opposed to the three we did this year, and to continue our end-of-month networking lunches. We will continue our outreach to law students and new attorneys. Most importantly, the SSF executive committee wants to increase the participation of the membership in developing and executing our activities. We will be working to develop a full sub-committee system to support that participation and to expand the participation significantly beyond the tri-county area. This extra participation will be especially important when we look at the ethics rules changes, the changing nature of legal services, and the statutory changes that might impact solo and small firm practitioners more than most.

Any other comments:

The SSF executive committee has recognized the need to increase participation by our membership and turnover on the executive committee. To this end, we provided conferencing capabilities so that our membership could participate in our executive committee meetings, as well as time on the agenda to present proposals. We also actively developed a process to encourage members to run for the executive committee and succeeded in electing 5 new members to the board. With a number of retirements and resignations, our executive committee in 2018 will have 40% new members.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth J. Inayoshi (CH), Scott D. Schnuck (CH-Elect), Kellie Ann Furr (Past CH), Michael L. Cooper (TR), Hertsel Shadian (SEC), Kelly Michael Doyle, Ryan Michael Kroll, Heather Margrath Murray, Jordan James Piraino, Christopher B. Rounds, Joshua S. Williams, Julia Courtney Rice (BC), William C. Penn (BL).

Workers' Compensation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Monthly Executive Committee meetings were held. Secretary Kate Caldwell took the minutes, which can be accessed on the Section's website.

The Section's Annual Meeting was held on May 12, 2017 at the Salishan Spa & Golf Resort at Gleneden Beach, Oregon. The meeting was chaired by Jenny Ogawa. The Section elected the following officers and members-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee in 2018:

Officers: John Oswald, Chair; Katherine Caldwell, Chair-Elect; ALJ Bruce Smith, Secretary; Linda Conratt, Treasurer; ALJ Jenny Ogawa, Past Chair.

Members-at-Large: Joe DiBartolomeo, Martin Fisher, Christine Frost, Colin Hackett, John Klor, Allison Lesh, Jovanna Patrick, Carrie Wipplinger.

The Section sponsored two CLEs. The first was held on May 12 and 13 at Salishan. The Salishan CLE Committee members were Sally Curey, chair, Holly Ansari, Ron Atwood, Spencer Kelly, Rob Kinney, Christopher Potter, and ALJ Geoff Wren. The keynote speaker was Prof. Emily Stieler from Northeastern School of Law, who talked about the future of and trends in workers' compensation. Other presentations included: including CRPS, the shoulder, access to justice, workers' compensation practice, marijuana in

the workplace, Medicare, and an appellate update. The CLE was approved for 6.5 general, 1 ethics, and 1 access to justice CLE credits. About 171 people attended.

The Section also sponsored the Bench/Bar Forum on October 20 at the Salem Convention Center. The CLE featured speakers on immigration law, legal ethics, and child abuse; and was approved for 1 child abuse reporting, 1 ethics, and 1 general CLE credits.

The Going Forward Committee lead by John Oswald, chair, and consisting of members Spencer Aldrich, Krishna Balasubamani, Rob Guarrasi, ALJ Jackie Jacobson, Steve Schoenfeld, and Larry Schucht worked on events to promote the practice of workers' compensation law and to increase membership. On June 27, the Section and the New Lawyers Division sponsored a joint social at the Raven and Rose. John Oswald and Larry Schucht worked a table at the Lewis & Clark Law School Bar Prowl on October 4.

This year's recipient of the Section's Professionalism Award was Dale Johnson.

Budget:

The Section has maintained its budgetary goals for 2017, under Treasurer's Ron Bohy's leadership. The beginning fund balance was \$17,986, and the projected year-end fund balance is \$25,512. The section dues (\$25) will stay the same for 2018. The pricing for the Salishan CLE will stay the same, and there will be no charge for the 2018 Bench Bar Forum. Contributions were made to the Campaign for Equal Justice and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.

Legislative issues:

The Public Affairs Department has approved the Access to Justice Committee's request that the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) consider implementing rules that would establish procedures for the translation of non-English written evidence that is submitted for hearings before the WCB.

The Access to Justice Committee has also requested the Public Affairs Department to approve its request that the WCB consider implementing rules that would require certain documents sent to injured workers, which are in English, be accompanied by a separate notice in multiple languages (Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and Chinese), advising workers of the importance of the document and where to turn for assistance.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Injured worker access to medical treatment raises an access to justice concern that the Access to Justice Committee has been working with the Workers' Compensation Division (WCD) to address through the rulemaking process, outreach programs, and possible legislative changes. The Access to Justice Committee will also research the viability of creating an Ombudsman for medical providers.

The Section continues to work with the Lawyer Referral Service to either extend the Modest Means pilot program, or to reduce or eliminate the 12% referral fee for workers' compensation attorneys.

With the Bar moving to a new video conference platform in 2018, the Section is considering the viability of using that platform for Executive Committee meetings. One of the purposes for using video conferencing is to allow members, who reside out of the Portland area, the opportunity to serve as Executive Committee officers.

Recommendations for 2018:

The dwindling number of attorneys practicing workers' compensation law continues to be a concern with regard to access to justice and quality of representation. Providing quality CLEs and other programs/functions to attract and maintain members should help meet those goals. We continue to be in the process of updating and improving our website to provide information and resources for both attorneys and the public.

Consider planning one of the Section's CLEs to comply with the Bar's new CLE co-sponsorship policy.

Any other comments:

Thank you to all the Section members who have volunteered their time and talents with the Section's activities and goals.

Respectfully submitted: Jenny Ogawa (CH), John M. Oswald (CH-Elect), Tom Harrell (Past CH), Ronald L. Bohy (TR), Katherine M. Caldwell (SEC), Bin Chen, Linda D. Conratt, Joe Di Bartolomeo, Martin M. Fisher, Christine Coffelt Frost, Philip Harry Garrow, Allison B. Lesh, M. Kathryn Olney, Jovanna L. Patrick, Keith Semple, Bruce D. Smith, Geoffrey G. Wren, Christine Ford (BL).



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