

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 2019 Section members, thank you for your time and expertise.

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Agricultural Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2019, the Ag Law Section (the "Section") continued its pursuit of providing educational opportunities to its membership and opportunities to connect section members.

The Section held its annual Round Up CLE on May 17, 2019, in The Dalles, Oregon. Topics included: Lost Valley Farm, a Case Study; Nonfamilial Farm and Ranch Succession; Opportunities to Address Ag Land Access, Transfer, and Land Preservation Needs; Food Safety Issues; and a 2019 Legislative Update.

The Section also organized two one-hour "Brown Bag" CLE programs, one titled 2018 Farm Bill Overview and Updates on the Industrial Hemp (co-sponsored with the Cannabis Law Section), and the second titled Legal Issues for Growers Using the H-2A Program.

The Section also sponsored an Access to Justice CLE program with speaker Jillian Hishaw that was organized by Lewis & Clark Law School.

Budget:

The Section entered 2019 with funds of \$4,048. The Section's budget anticipated \$2,615 in 2019 revenue through membership dues and CLE registrations and \$2,849 in expenses. The Section's actual revenue was \$2,650 and its expenses are projected at \$3,060. The additional expenses above budget are a result of complementary memberships to new lawyers for which the Section must still pay an assessment to the OSB. The Section is anticipated to end 2019 with a Fund Balance of \$3,652.

Legislative issues:

The Section did not expressly address any legislative issues in 2019, 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 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 of 2020, and periodic Brown Bag CLE events throughout 2020 on issues involving Oregon

agriculture. The Section also began efforts to update and to add more content to the Section's website.

Recommendations for 2020:

The Section should continue to pursue its goal of increased educational services to the Section. Because the Section's membership resides throughout the state, the Section should continue to provide outreach events both in and outside the Portland area, and to utilize the website and listserv for educational purposes for the Section members.

Any other comments:

Respectfully submitted: Sally Hansell Anderson (CH), Jeffrey Misley (CH-Elect), Brandy Augusta Sargent (Past-CH), Michael Gelardi (TR), Mary Anne Cooper (SEC), John Dallum, Chelsea Glynn, Molly Tucker Hasenbank, Joseph Hobson, Nellie Lisbeth McAdams.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Activities and accomplishments:

The ADR Section hosted two CLEs. The first CLE focused on UM/UIM arbitrations. It was set up as a discussion forum to allow panelists and attendees to address the overall UIM/UM arbitration process and the role of arbitrators on panels. The second CLE was an introduction to the collaborative law model. Panelists discussed the basics of the collaborative process, and attendees were able to practice collaborative law techniques to gain a better understanding of this unique method of dispute resolution.

The Section is working to coordinate and develop programs for 2020 with other organizations.

The Section continues to address website development and goals.

Budget:

The Section continues to grow membership through CLEs and outreach, which will enable it to enhance CLEs it offers.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section is collaborating with OMA, the OSB Quality of Life Committee, and OMLA to develop CLEs that address issues these groups have in common and to find new ways to nurture the connections between organizations. The Section

continues to create website content and identify ways to use the website to support members.

Recommendations for 2020:

The Section will continue to fulfill its mission continue by providing educational and support opportunities for bar members regarding mediation, arbitration, and the many other alternative models of dispute resolution. It will also continue to work with OMA to develop CLEs that allow for innovation and discovery by joining attorney and non-attorney resolution efforts. The Section will maintain open communication with OMLA in order to encourage diversity and inclusion in ADR activities. The Section will develop its website for members and utilize its listserv to provide ongoing outreach to members.

Respectfully submitted: Tegan Schlatter (CH), Myah Osher Kehoe (CH-Elect), Christopher Carson (Past-CH), Philip Johnson (TR), Tonya Alexander (SEC), John Berge, Lisa Brown, Eric English, K William Gibson, Nancy Hochman, Sally Ann LaJoie, Ronald Rhodes, Janice Wilson, Xin Xu, John Bachofner (BC), Natalie Batiste (BL), Cassandra Dyke (BL).

Animal Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Executive Committee spearheaded an animal law networking event in March. The Section’s Executive Committee members spoke at several events throughout the year. Adam Karp spoke at the Animal Law Summit in San Diego, CA in August, as well as presented on the issue of factory farming in numerous venues throughout Oregon and other states. Rajesh Reddy presented at the Animal Law Review Symposium in March and Animal Law Conference in October. David Rosengard presented at the Animal Law Conference and elsewhere.

The section began planning a CLE scheduled for the fall of 2019, but due to busy schedules has had to postpone. All Executive Committee members made efforts to increase the Section’s membership. As of October of 2018, the Section had 74 members. As of 2019, it has grown to 116.

Budget:

As of October of 2019, The Section had 71 paid and 45 complimentary memberships. Our total revenue was \$1,400. Our total expenses were \$2,036, for a loss of \$636.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Currently the Section is looking to hold another animal law networking event in early 2020. It is also looking to schedule a CLE event in mid to late 2020, with a CLE planning committee in the process of being formed.

Recommendations for 2020:

Recruiting new members will be a priority in 2020 to sustain the Section’s growth. Because members are spread throughout the state, all Executive Committee meetings were held by phone in 2019. At least one in-person meeting would be preferable in 2020.

Respectfully submitted: Rajesh Reddy (CH), Priscilla Rader (CH-Elect) Stacey McKerlie (SEC) Maral Cavner, Adam Karp, David Rosengard, Joseph Hesbrook (BC) Matthew Shields (BL).

Appellate Practice Section

Activities and accomplishments:

CLEs and events. The Section organized two CLEs this year. The first recognized the retirements of Justices Richard Baldwin and Rives Kistler, through a panel discussion featuring Justices Baldwin, Kistler and Chris Garrett that was moderated by Anna Joyce with an introduction by Iván Resendiz Gutierrez. The second CLE, held in connection with the Section’s annual event, featured a discussion on Ninth Circuit practice with Judges Susan Graber and Diarmuid O’Scannlain, moderated by Nadia Dahab. The annual event also included comments by Chief Justice Martha Walters on the state of the Oregon courts and a remembrance of Judges Wollheim and Schuman, as well as a recognition by Lisa Norris Lampe of the retirement of Appellate Commissioner Jim Nass.

In addition, the Section co-sponsored, and participated in, the Oregon Court of Appeals’ 50th Anniversary CLE & Celebration, organized by Willamette University School of Law.

Finally, the Appellate Section sponsored a panel presentation on judicial clerkships for the Oregon Opportunities in the Law (OLIO) program’s 2019 Employment Retreat. The panel included Judge Steven Powers of the Oregon Court of Appeals, Peenesh Shah, Nathan Morales, and Anna Joyce, and was moderated by Sara Kobak. Members of

the Appellate Section also participated in mock job interviews with OLIO participants.

Almanac. Under Nora Coon’s leadership, the Section revived the preparation and publication of the Oregon Appellate Almanac.

Pro Bono. The Section continued to oversee the Appellate Pro Bono Program, with the Oregon courts. The pro bono committee is also actively researching the creation of an appellate pro se handbook.

Judicial Engagement. The Section’s Executive Committee continued to serve as a liaison on appellate matters between the bar and the appellate bench, and to support judicial education through sponsoring an appellate judge to attend Appellate Judges Education Institute.

Planning for future events. The Executive Committee began planning for events in 2020, anticipated to include a Eugene CLE, an Oregon Court of Appeals oral history project, and a “Day with the Oregon Appellate Courts” CLE.

Budget:

The Section’s ending fund balance as of October 31, 2019 was \$10,666, with a projected year-end fund balance of \$7,748. Because the Section started the year with \$11,549, the Section did not charge for its CLEs or annual event this year.

The Executive Committee anticipates that the Section’s ending balance for 2020 will be \$6,680. The Committee anticipates charging for the full-day “Day with the Oregon Appellate Courts” CLE.

Legislative issues:

The Executive Committee maintains a legislative sub-committee to study and report on proposed legislation that could affect the Section and its members. The sub-committee monitored various legislative proposals during the 2019 legislative sessions, and is continuing to review proposed legislative ideas for future sessions.

The Executive Committee separately maintains an ORAP sub-committee to monitor and report on proposed changes to the Oregon Rules of Appellate Procedure through the Court’s ORAP committee, which will be active in 2020.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

In addition to the matters discussed above, the committee continued its commitment to diversity and inclusion within the appellate practice through

the diversity and inclusion sub-committee and civic engagement and outreach. Continuing past practices, the committee also voted to support legal organizations that help to foster the advancement of the civic and legal community by providing contributions to the Campaign for Equal Justice, Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, Classroom Law Project, and Oregon Women Lawyers. The Committee also supported the nomination of Justice Rives Kistler for the OSB’s Justice Edwin J. Peterson Professionalism award.

Recommendations for 2020:

The Executive Committee anticipates that 2020 will be another active year for the Section and Executive Committee. As referenced above, the Committee expects in 2020 to continue to host CLEs, to create a new edition of the almanac, and to undertake a Court of Appeals oral history project and pro se handbook project. In addition, the Committee anticipates continuing to support legal and civic organizations and events as it has in the past; exploring means for the Section to help support the Court of Appeals’ workload; evaluating proposed legislative and rules amendments; and identifying additional opportunities for engagement between the section and the appellate bench.

Respectfully submitted: Derek Green (CH), Christine Moore CH-Elect, Sara Kobak (P-CH), Beth Cupani (TR), Nadia Dahab (SEC), Nani Apo, Jeffrey Armistead, Stephan Armitage, Nora Coon, Laura Graser, Ivan Resendiz Gutierrez, David Sherbo-Huggins, Anna Marie Joyce, Aaron Landau, Nathan Morales, Alycia Sykora, Jason Weber, Whitney Boise (BC).

Business Law

Activities and accomplishments:

Through activities of its Executive Committee and its subcommittees. The 2019 subcommittees are: CLE Subcommittee (chaired by Kara Ellis Tatman);

Communications Subcommittee (chaired by Genevieve AuYeung Kiley); New Business Lawyers

Subcommittee (chaired by William J. Goodling); Outreach Subcommittee (chaired by David G. Post); Legislative Subcommittee (chaired by Valerie H. Sasaki); Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee (chaired by Valerie H. Sasaki); and

Castles Award Subcommittee (chaired by David R. Ludwig).

Highlights of the Section's 2019 activities include:

(a) planning and holding its annual full-day CLE on various business topics (held November 8, 2019) and three quarterly CLE seminars, including one in Eugene, Oregon, and one livestreamed from Portland, Oregon to Bend, Oregon and Medford, Oregon; (b) publishing the Section's newsletter; (c) engaging in the 2019 Oregon State Bar Law Improvement Program resulting in having one legislative proposal drafted by our Legislative Subcommittee approved by the Oregon State Bar Public Affairs Committee, which was submitted to, and approved by, the 2019 Oregon Legislature; (d) constituting the workgroup to consider a proposal to submit to the Oregon Legislature legislation to adopt the Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act; (e) expanding the Young Lawyers Subcommittee to include persons who are not members of the Section's Executive Committee (f) publishing newsletters for distribution of information to section members; and (g) planning a social event in Portland co-hosted by the Section and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants

Budget:

The Section has approximately 985 members and anticipates that membership levels shall rise to 1,025 in 2020. Section revenues, generated primarily through member dues, were budgeted to be \$34,000 for 2019, and Section expenses were budgeted to be \$39,000 for the same period. Actual Section revenues and expenses for 2019 are expected to total approximately \$32,705 and \$39,232, respectively. The Section's cash balance as of December 31, 2019, is expected to be approximately \$39,761.

The Section's budget remains within acceptable parameters. The Section experienced a slight deficit in 2019, but the subcommittees have taken action to increase membership. The increase in the Bar per capita services fee was unfortunate, ate up most of the revenue that we had anticipated after our fee increase last year, and increased the amount of our overall deficit.

Legislative issues:

During 2019, the Executive Committee approved and submitted a legislative proposal for an amendment to the Oregon Business Corporation Act

permitting corporations to ratify defective corporate actions. After reviewing the proposal, the Oregon State Bar Public Affairs Committee voted to submit such proposal to the 2019 Oregon Legislature for its consideration. That bill passed the Oregon legislature in the 2019 session.

During 2019, the Executive Committee also approved and submitted a proposal to the Oregon Law Commission to form a work group to consider submitting to the Oregon Legislature a legislative proposal to adopt the Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act ("RULLCA") or a version of it. After reviewing the proposal, the Oregon Law Commission voted to form such a work group, which was constituted in 2019. The Section anticipates continuing its involvement with this process in 2020.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Executive Committee of the Business Law Section does not have unresolved issues.

Recommendations for 2020:

In 2020, the Section intends to continue to fulfill its mission by providing and expanding useful information through its CLE programs and newsletter, reaching out to the Section's younger members and to members outside of the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area, recognizing efforts and achievements of certain individuals through its awards and scholarships, advocating for the improvement of business law through legislative proposals, and supporting Oregon's business community through social events with business leaders and professionals in related industries.

Respectfully submitted: Valerie Sasaki (CH), Genevieve AuYeung Kiley (CH-Elect), David Ludwig (Past-CH), Jeffrey Tarr (TR), Kara Ellis Tatman (SEC), Anne Arathoon, William Goodling, James Hein, Benjamin Kearney, Douglas Lindgren, Emily Maass, Jennifer Nicholls, David Post, Charmin Shiely, Tyler Volm, Carole Barkley (Adv. Member), Eddie Medina (BC), Keith Palevsky (BL).

Cannabis Law

Activities and accomplishments:

2019 was a tremendous year for our fledgling section of the bar. In September, we held our first multi-day conference, the Cannabis Legal Institute, in Bend, OR. The two-day CLI was the fruition of 3 years of planning and was the first such conference ever

put on by a state bar cannabis law section. The CLI was well attended, well-received and covered all of its costs and expenses.

In addition, the Cannabis Law Section continued its lunchtime brownbag CLE program, hosting 6 CLEs over the course of the 10-month period between January and October. Each CLE was also well attended and has been a significant factor in the year over year growth of our section.

Budget:

The Section has approximately 232 members, of which 213 are paid members. The Cannabis Law Section continues to be solvent in each year since its inception, with an ending fund balance that is greater than our beginning fund balance. As a result of increased membership, driven by our CLE and CLI programs, the section had its highest grossing revenue year since its inception in 2017. The Section will close 2019 with a Fund Balance of \$3,091.00, which is 79% greater than our 2018 ending fund balance. As indicated above, the increase in our fund balance has primarily been driven by our increasing membership which has resulted from our increase in programming and other services for our section members. Membership in our Section increased by 46% over 2018, and we anticipate this growth to continue as more attorneys enter our practice area and to add to our fund balance in the coming year.

The Section's budget outlook for 2020 is very positive. The Section intends to use our increased end of the year fund balance to attract additional national and internationally renowned speakers for our Second Annual Cannabis Legal Institute.

Legislative issues:

The Cannabis Law Section has yet to directly engage with the legislative process, either through sponsoring or commenting on proposed legislation. The Section intends to begin to take a more active role in 2020 and beyond.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

As described above, the Executive Committee performed the tasks and considered the matters related to organizing and hosting the Cannabis Legal Institute as well as our lunchtime CLE program. Such activities included identifying and approving speakers and venues, setting price points for our events and outreach with other bar sections. There are no matters pending before the Executive Committee that will not be addressed before the end of 2019.

Recommendations for 2020:

As indicated above, the Section intends to continue to grow our lunchtime CLE program, as well as increase the visibility and attendance at our Cannabis Legal Institute. For 2020, the Section's goal is to hold no fewer than 10 CLEs and to increase attendance at the CLI by 40%. To accomplish this goal, the Section intends to expand the focus of the CLI include legal issues in cannabis that affect California and Washington in addition to Oregon, and to market accordingly. We also intend to analyze our pricing structure for the CLI so that it will be revenue generator, as well as re-consider its location to be more attractive on a state-wide and regional basis. We are also considering holding our annual meeting in conjunction with the 2020 CLI to increase attendance.

Respectfully submitted: Perry Salzhauer (CH), Andrew DeWeese (CH-Elect), John Magliana (Past-CH), Edgar Diaz (TR), Logan Leichtman (SEC), Mia Getlin, Michael Hughes, Megan Livermore, Courtney Moran, Kathryn Peters, Benjamin Pirie, Anthony Stuart, Michael Rondeau (BC), Michael Dunlap (BL).

Civil Rights Section

Activities and accomplishments:

January CLE – The Civil Rights Section put on a CLE seminar, "Taking a Stand for Civil Rights and Social Justice." It was held January 18th, at the Federal Courthouse. This year's program topics and speakers were: "Where Does The #MeToo Movement Go From Here?" – Maia Christopher; "Year in Review of Civil Rights Law " – Erious Johnson and Juan Chavez; "Updates and Developments in Transgender Law " – Percy Wise, Asaf Orr, Kelsey Benedick and Sylvan Fraser.

Public Forum – the section put on its free public forum focused on exploring issues related to Free Speech. The forum, "Advocacy, Free Speech, and Protesting" was held at The Alberta Abbey at 126 NE Alberta Street. The Speakers were Jason Kafoury, Barbara Diamond, Kenneth Kreuzscher, and Juan Chavez.

Fall CLE – The Civil Rights Section put on a second CLE seminar in 2019. "Access to Justice: The Current Landscape of Civil Rights Litigation in Oregon" to over 100 people. It was held November 22th at the Federal Courthouse. This year's program topics and speakers were: "The Intersection of

Barriers to Access to Justice and Enforcing Civil Rights Laws”- Jake Cornett, and Monica Goracke; “Who needs a lawyer? Access to Justice for Pro Se Plaintiffs in Civil Rights Litigation” - Conrad Engweiler, Andrew Hallman, and Magistrate Judge Youlee Yim You, U.S. District Court of Oregon; “Opportunities and Emerging Issues in Civil Rights Litigation”- Emily Cooper, J. Ashlee Albies, Partner, and Fay Stetz-Waters.

Donations – the committee voted to donate \$250 to The Campaign for Equal Justice, and \$250 to the OSB Diversity & Inclusion Department’s Opportunities for Law in Oregon (OLIO) program.

Budget:

The section will end the year with over \$3,000. The section will begin 2020 with over \$3,000 and expect net income over the course of the year. The existing fund balance, along with projected income next year, will be spent on CLE programs, community outreach events, and donations to various non-profits.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

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.

Respectfully submitted: Guillermo Ramos (CH), Jonathan Rue (CH-Elect), Kasia Rutledge (Past-CH), Scott Aldworth (TR), Thomas Freedman (SEC), Juhi Aggarwal, Kara Davis, Josh Goldberg, Andrew Hallman, William Chika Igbokwe, Daemie Kim, Nicole Rose, Jonathan Strauhull, Yazmin Wadia, Lynn Walsh, Traci Rossi (BC), Lucy Taylor (BL).

Construction Law

Activities and accomplishments:

The section held five official meetings in 2019, including the Annual Meeting on October 4, 2019. The section organized and presented a CLE held at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard on October 4 that was very well-attended by lawyers from around the State. The speakers expertly presented on a wide array of construction-focused topics relevant to our membership to rave reviews.

The section continued to maintain and implemented some format and content-related updates to its section website. We also published three issues of the Section’s Construction Law

Newsletter in March, August and November, respectively, which constituted the 61st, 62nd and 63rd issues in that publication’s history.

The section also anticipates continuing its longstanding trend of charitable giving to one or more of the worthy causes listed in the bar’s approved list of charities.

Budget:

For 2019, the Section’s operations were within budget and the Section is projected to end the year with a balance of approximately \$9,000. At the Annual Meeting, and assuming it is approved by the Board of Governors, the Section passed a dues increase from \$ 15 to \$20 per year. The increase was primarily designed to help the section (which has been experiencing decreases in membership) to smooth out its two year plans for CLEs, which include a Portland area CLE that typically has lower costs and a CLE in other areas of the state to serve the entire constituency of the section and bar that typically have increased costs and lower revenues. Increased funding will also allow the section to more realistically evaluate both an additional annual CLE and also live streaming options for the CLEs to further broaden the section’s reach and add a convenience element for the members and public. With the dues increase, the 2020 budget is estimated to include annual revenues and expenses of approximately \$ 12,000.

Legislative issues:

Jakob Lutkavage-Dvorscak chaired the section’s Legislative Subcommittee and provided regular updates to the section about legislative matters of interest to the section.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Executive Committee meetings included regular updates on legislative matters (by Mr. Lutkavage-Dvorscak), bar-related news and updates (via bar liaison Yasha Renner), and also a regular update on the activities and policies of the Oregon Construction Contractors Board (by member Van White).

Recommendations for 2020:

Continue to maintain and update the section website, to publish regular newsletters and to present at least one (and possibly two) CLEs, preferably at a location in a different area of the state from where the most recent CLE was held. Focus on providing

value to the members and the bar as a whole with the hope and expectation of attracting new members to the section and to spur interest in serving on the executive committee.

Respectfully submitted: Tyler Storti (CH), William Fig (CH-Elect), Daniel Duyck (Past-CH), Jako Lutkavage-Dvorscak (TR), Curtis Welch (SEC), James Chaney, Andrew Gibson, Ryan Hunt, Stacey Martinson, Emily Miller, Justin Monahan, Steve Norman, Michael Peterkin, Molly Washington, Van White, Jacob Zahniser, Jason Alexander (Adv Member), Gary Christensen (Adv Member).

Consumer Law

Activities and accomplishments:

The Section used reserve funds to send two Oregon Consumer Lawyers—James Mills and Bret Knewtson—to the National Consumer Law Center’s Annual Consumer Rights Litigation Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. The full scholarships were administered by the NCLC, which selected the best candidates based on criteria established by the NCLC and the Section. As a result, James and Bret are now resources for national trends in consumer law and can share this knowledge with other Section members.

The Section’s annual day-long CLE in October addressed pitfalls in consumer settlement agreements and ways to address them. The CLE featured informative presentations regarding settlement effects on client taxes and public benefits, structured settlements, ABLE accounts, fee agreement strategies, ethical issues in settlements, and lawyer well-being.

In July, we held our annual luncheon hosted by the Attorney General, at which she presented the Section’s 2019 Award of Merit to David Sugerman in recognition of his exemplary work on behalf of Oregon consumers and dedication to the consumer bar. The luncheon gives the Attorney General and her staff an opportunity to share DOJ accomplishments and priorities and to hear from consumer lawyers.

Section members staffed a table at the swearing in ceremonies for new lawyers in both the Spring and the Fall. The members conducted outreach to new lawyers in order to bring in new members and increase awareness of consumer issues. The Section held a social event in the Summer. The event was a traditional networking event. The Section plans to

have an additional social event in December or early next year.

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 website is updated frequently with consumer-related posts.

Budget:

Overall Section membership fell slightly this year and free memberships more than doubled because they are now available to law students. CLE revenue and costs continued to run under budget. The reserve fund balance is expected to decrease from approximately \$17,000 to approximately \$11,000 at year end, primarily due to lower revenue and expenditures for two NCLC scholarships and for charitable contributions. The Executive Committee continues to discuss ways to creatively use the reserve funds to benefit members, with the recognition that, due to changes in bar policy, membership revenues may decrease and the Section may earn substantially less from CLEs than it earned in the past. The Section requested a waiver of the new bar policy that would charge the Section \$4 more per member than the annual membership fee (\$19 more per free membership), in order to permit the Section to continue to promote access to justice for consumers and raise awareness for consumer rights. The bar’s Board of Governors approved the waiver request for 2020 and will continue to provide a 50% subsidy of the per member assessment fee for next year.

Legislative issues:

The Section remains active in reviewing and providing feedback on legislation that impacts consumers. The 2019 Legislative Session included a number of substantive bills related to consumer issues and had mixed results. One consumer bill that passed this year was SB 113. This bill allows purchasers of vehicles to be able to obtain title to their vehicles in the event the selling dealer fails to deliver the title to the vehicle within the statutorily required time. Currently, the consumer in such a case would be required to file an action in court for declaratory judgment, then provide the court order to the Oregon DMV before receiving title to the vehicle the consumer purchased. SB 113 allows the consumer to claim the attorney fees from the dealer or its bond, so that the consumer would not have to bear any more costs to receive the title for the

vehicle that he or she purchased. The Section will identify and monitor 2020 special session legislation that may impact consumers. The Section may take appropriate action if needed.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section continues to consider ways to address the new bar policies in order to maximize the use of Section funds to promote access to justice for consumers and raise awareness for consumer rights. It also seeks to increase outreach efforts and diversity in the Section, on the Executive Committee, and in Oregon consumer practice.

Recommendations for 2020:

In 2020, the Section intends to sponsor at least one full-day CLE on a topic or topics of interest to consumer lawyers. In order to reach a broader audience, the Section plans to bring in a national speaker on an emerging consumer issue and to make the CLE available state-wide by webcast. 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. The Section will continue to fund two scholarships for consumer-related education courses and to perform outreach to other lawyers and the community.

Respectfully submitted: Matthew Kirkpatrick (CH), Christopher Mertens (CH-Elect), Jeremiah Ross (Past-CH), Young Walgenkim (TR), Colin MacDonald (SEC), Hope Del Carlo, Emily Rena-Dozier, Michael Fuller, Kelly Donovan Jones, Bret Knewtson, April Kusters, Kevin Mehrens, Eva Novick, Jordan Roberts, Joel Shapiro, David Venables, Robert Gratchner (BC), Amy Zubko (BL).

Corporate Counsel Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2019, the Executive Committee maintained an active programming calendar, organizing a number of continuing legal education programs and social events, typically attracting between 30 and 70

attendees: in April, a three-hour CLE delivered by First American Title Insurance Co. staff covering a comprehensive overview of title insurance basics; in May, a breakfast panel CLE focused on domestic and international data privacy legislation, enforcement and compliance strategies; in June, a lunch social and CLE program by OAAP staff on the topic of lawyer stress, substance abuse, and mental health; in August, a CLE program on executive benefits and nonqualified deferred compensation; in September, a CLE presentation on trade secret protection in Oregon and Washington; in October, a CLE panel discussion in Eugene on business decision making and ethical considerations of corporate counsel; and in December, a cocktail hour networking event to mingle and enjoy the Christmas ships on the Willamette River in Portland.

Budget:

The Section started 2019 with 496 members, is poised to end the year with over 530, and expects membership levels to remain fairly consistent in 2020. The Section began 2019 with a fund balance of \$6,045 and expects to end the year with approximately \$8,000. In an effort to operate CLE programming on a break-even basis and to sustain a modest reserve fund, nominal fees were charged for most CLE programs this year. Additionally, Section membership approved an annual membership fee increase from \$20 to \$30 to provide additional resources for 2020 programming and beyond.

Legislative issues:

No legislative issues were addressed by the Section.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive committee is focused on wrapping up 2019 and starting to plan for 2020.

Recommendations for 2020:

Continue to plan and organize high-quality CLE programming on issues relevant to Section members and social events to provide opportunities for networking.

Respectfully submitted: Dale Elliott (CH), Ian Ford (Ch-Elect), Josephine Ko (Past-CH), Sally Leisure (TR), David Matheson (SEC), Cameron Anderly, Irina Batrakova, Travis Benn, Kimberly Boswell, Ryan Chieffo, Kristy Gibson, Harlan Levy, Cody Jordan, Simeon Rappoport, Ashlee Sorber, Brian Thompson, Meghan Williams, Robert Gratchner (BC).

Criminal Law

Activities and Accomplishments

This was another great year for the Criminal Law Section. We continue to provide high-quality training and unique networking opportunities to our section members – criminal defense attorneys and prosecutors. Consistent with our training goals, we hosted two CLEs in the Portland metro area and a free CLE/networking event in Eugene.

The Section hosted its 33rd Annual Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice CLE on April 5, 2019. As is our practice, we hosted this full day CLE at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard. This year's program focused on mental health issues in the criminal justice system – including mental health diagnoses, drug induced psychosis, and mental health courts.

For the 3rd year in a row, the Section hosted a half-day Fall CLE and Social Event in Portland. Held at the offices of Stoel Rives on October 18, 2019, this training focused on vicarious trauma for criminal law practitioners (qualifying for 1.5 mental health specialty credits) and the legislative changes to juvenile justice and aggravated murder cases. The social event following the training provided section members with the opportunity to network outside the typically adversarial courtroom dynamic.

Finally, the section provided direct services and benefits to members outside the metro area. We hosted a free one-hour CLE and section social in Eugene. Invitations were sent to section members in Lane, Linn, and Benton Counties. Over 20 local attorneys joined the Executive Committee for this excellent event. In years past, the section struggled to improve attendance at networking events outside the metro area. Given the success of combining a free CLE with free snacks on a Friday afternoon, the Executive Committee will continue to explore this outreach model in the future.

Budget

The section continues to remain fiscally sound. The section sought and received a one-year waiver to the newly approved section fund balance cap. The section is committed to spending down our current fund balance to within the cap over the next three years by providing discounted seminars, increased networking opportunities. We are exploring opportunities to increase the accessibility

of programming to rural communities through scholarships and recordation.

Legislative Issues

As it does each year, the Executive Committee discussed legislative issues. However, we did not draft legislation and took no positions on proposed bills. Our Executive Committee and section members defer to our respective professional organizations (Oregon District Attorneys Association and Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association) for policy decisions and direction.

Matters considered/Matters pending/Recommendations for 2020

The section will remain focused on spending down our section fund balance by providing high quality and accessible training events and networking opportunities to our section members.

Respectfully submitted: Donna Brecker Maddux (CH), Kristen Tranetzki (Past-CH), Timothy Sylwester (TR), Jamie Kilberg (CH-Elect/SEC), Bradley Berry, Jamie Contreras, Peter Deuel, Steven Gorham, Spencer Gwartney, Amy Queen, Carrie Rasmussen, Ruth Roe, Gregory Scholl, Shawn Wiley, Bik-Na Han (BC), Shanise Martinez (BL).

Debtor-Creditor

Activities and accomplishments:

One of the primary goals of the Executive Committee in 2019 has been to identify factors contributing to decreasing membership, address corresponding budget deficits, and to implement updated program content to attract new members. In that regard, the Executive Committee participated in both the Spring 2019 and Fall 2019 Swearing-In Ceremonies at Willamette University in an effort to provide information on member benefits and to encourage newly admitted attorneys to join the Debtor-Creditor Section.

The Executive Committee also worked to reinvigorate its New Lawyers Committee, including co-sponsoring two social events with the Oregon State Bar New Lawyers Division Section in 2018-2019, including a presentation from the Honorable Peter C. McKittrick on the Debtor-Creditor Section's Pro-Bono Clinics. The goal of these events has been to introduce newer lawyers to the variety of activities provided by the Debtor-Creditor Section in an effort

to integrate newer lawyers into the Debtor-Creditor Section.

In further of the goal of identifying factors contributing to decreasing membership, the Executive Committee obtained a running list of non-renewing members from the Oregon State Bar and reached out to those non-renewing members to obtain feedback on member benefits provided by the Debtor-Creditor Section. The general consensus from discussions with non-renewing members was that the content of the Debtor-Creditor Section's various programs remains first-rate, and that non-renewing members greatly appreciated the opportunities to volunteer and engage with other professionals available by virtue of membership in the Debtor-Creditor Section. Rather, those who members who chose not to renew their membership did so as a result of retirement from the practice of law generally.

The Executive Committee also issued a survey in the Summer of 2019 to Debtor-Creditor members regarding the Saturday Session. The results of the survey demonstrated that members appreciate the small forum the Saturday Sessions offers, which allows members to openly discuss local bankruptcy court practice and procedure with other practitioners, bankruptcy court judges, and staff. The survey results further indicated that members prefer to keep the current format, in which the program occurs on a Saturday in the month of February.

In October 2019, the Debtor-Creditor Section participated a unique national event sponsored by the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System's diversity symposium entitled "Roadways to the Federal Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy Judge?" at the United State Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington in Seattle. The program offered young practitioners information about federal judgeships with a spotlight on bankruptcy judgeships. The event featured a live broadcasted national panel discussion from Washington, DC, followed by local roundtable discussions in 19 cities (including Seattle) with the federal bench, bar association members, and law students.

Finally, the Debtor-Creditor Section co-sponsored the Northwest Bankruptcy Institute, which, took place on April 4 and 5, 2019 at the Hilton in downtown Portland. Attendance was high, with a total of 193 registrants present at the event. Additionally, the 2019 Annual Meeting and CLE was held at the Tolovania

Inn in Cannon Beach on September 13-14, 2019 and was very successful.

Budget:

The Debtor-Creditor Section's account balance as of October 31 was \$59,224. In response to the new OSB Bylaw amendment eliminating the 50% subsidy on the per member assessment fee if a section has more than two years of membership dues revenue on hand as of December 31, 2019, the Executive Committee prepared and submitted a Waiver Request to the OSB requesting that the Debtor-Creditor Section be allowed additional time to spend down the account balance. The Debtor-Creditor Section has historically and purposefully worked to create and maintain a larger fund balance through frugal budgeting and the careful allocation and use of funds. The purpose of this approach has been to assure that the Section will have sufficient funds to provide quality services to its members and pro bono clinics regardless of: (1) the regular fluctuation of the Section's expenses, and (2) the cyclical nature of the Section's membership numbers. Unlike other sections, our membership varies based on market conditions since the demand for debtor-creditor related work is tied to the relative health of our economy (among other factors). The OSB granted the Waiver Request, allowing the Debtor-Creditor Section until December 31, 2020 to spend down account funds.

Legislative issues:

The Debtor-Creditor Section supported House Bill 2459 in 2019. There were no other legislative issues.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

See above for detailed summary of matters considered in 2019. There are no current matters pending.

Recommendations for 2020:

The Executive Committee will need to pay close attention to budgeting in 2020 and determine the best methods for spending down the current account balance by December 31, 2020 in order to avoid elimination of the 50% subsidy on the per member assessment fee.

Respectfully submitted: Britta Warren (CH), Laura Donaldson (CH-Elect), Justin Leonard (Past-CH), Margot Seitz (TR), Erich Paetsch (SEC), Penny Austin, William Critchlow, Oren Buchanan Haker, Cassie Jones, Garrett Ledgerwood, Julia Manela, Douglas Ricks, Karen Lee (BL).

Disability Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section hosted a CLE in June, which had strong attendance and received excellent reviews from attendees. The section engaged in outreach projects to grow membership including having representatives at both ONLD swearing in receptions, a law school networking event at Lewis and Clark and a jointly-hosted happy hour with the Workers' Compensation section. Through these efforts, the section increased its membership by more than 10%. The section also awarded its scholarship to support a member's attendance at the section's CLE.

Budget:

The section budgeted 3,764 for section expenses and spent slightly less than that amount. The section's revenue of 1,980. The section spent down reserves and expects that its ending balance for 2019 will be 4,182.

Legislative issues:

The section did not focusing resources on legislative matters in 2019.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The primary focus of the section in 2019, was to host a successful CLE and continue outreach to build section membership and involvement. The section accomplished both these goals in 2019 and expects to continue working in these areas in 2020. No matters are pending as the section heads into 2020.

Recommendations for 2020:

Due to the section's small membership and small executive committee, maintaining a focused approach to ensure project success is advisable in 2020. Continuing the success of section CLEs and growth of section membership and activating section membership are continuing areas of focus.

Respectfully submitted: Risa Davis (CH), Gordon Magella (Past-CH), Juhi Aggarwal (TR), Terisa Page Gault (SEC), Jan Atwill, Tiffany Hendri Blackmon, Matthew Denney, Marcia Ohlemiller, Bill Spiry, Kamron Graham (BC), Nik Chourney (BL).

Diversity Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Broad Representation. The OSB Diversity Section Executive Committee (DSEC) continues to reflect a broad representation of the OSB membership with executive committee members from a range of geographic locations and from specialty bars, the judiciary, government practice, Oregon law schools, and small, medium, and large-sized law firms. This year, we implemented a video-conferencing platform to ensure a more streamlined and inclusive experience for DSEC members participating in monthly meetings from around the state.

Recognition and Continuing Legal Education Programs. The section hosted its annual Judicial Recognition Ceremony and offered three continuing legal education programs this year.

First, on February 8, we hosted a two-hour Diversity and the Bench CLE at the Hatfield courthouse in Portland. State and federal judges from across Oregon joined professors from the University of Oregon and Lewis & Clark law schools to discuss judges' road-to-the-bench stories and the "Gavel Gap," a study undertaken by the American Constitution Society that measured how well each state's bench reflects the diversity of its population. That CLE was followed by our annual section event recognizing new judges who identify as being part of the non-dominant culture. Law students from Oregon's law schools participated by presenting recognition certificates to the seven state and federal judges honored at the program.

Second, on February 13, we reprised a CLE the section hosted in 2018 in Portland titled Free Speech/Hate Speech: Is There a First Amendment Problem? The original CLE was well-received and DSEC responded to requests from the community to make it available outside of the Portland area. This second CLE was held in Eugene and featured attorneys, judges, and academics who addressed the debate on campuses and elsewhere about the limits of free speech.

Finally, on December 11, we will hold a three-hour access-to-justice CLE on lawyering across cultural differences. This workshop-style CLE will be moderated by Julieanna Elegant of Lewis & Clark Law School's small business clinic; after a historical overview of race, racism, and the law, participants will learn concrete tools to use to improve attorney-

client relationships. The CLE will be followed by a hosted networking reception.

Communication. In 2018, DSEC approved a revised version of the section's mission statement:

The mission of the Oregon State Bar Diversity Section is to promote and support diversity and inclusion within the Oregon Bar and the judiciary, to organize educational programs that facilitate constructive discussion and enhanced understanding of diversity issues, and to assist Oregon legal professionals in advancing equity in the practice of law.

In 2019, DSEC worked to update our section's website to reflect that revised mission statement and to include more up-to-date information regarding announcements, events, and contact information for DSEC members. Please see the results at <https://osbdiversity.osbar.org/>.

We also sought to improve communication with members by promoting events of interest through the section listserv. We look forward to exploring more robust ways to use the listserv for the benefit of our section members.

Lastly, to facilitate better communication among section leaders year-to-year, we created a Google account and began moving key historical documents into a Google drive. We anticipate the document repository will assist with the coordination of future programs.

Budget:

The Diversity Section welcomed over forty-five new members this year and continued to build revenue in support of the section's mission. The committee made expenditures to support diversity-related CLEs in Portland and Eugene and hosted a well-attended judicial recognition ceremony. The committee also made expenditures to upgrade the section's website and meeting technology platform. We received sponsorship from several Oregon-based firms in support of our programs and our mission. Lane Powell continued to host lunch and provide space for our Portland-based DSEC members during monthly meetings.

In wrapping up the fiscal year, the committee engaged in a careful review of its fund balance and made plans for utilizing funds, including allocating funds for the 2021 Convocation on Equality. The Section also continued to provide monetary support

for OLIO, Oregon Minority Lawyers Association (OMLA), and the Lawyer's Campaign for Equal Justice (CEJ).

Matters considered/Matters pending:

DSEC Leadership. We are in the process of identifying a top candidate for the Chair-Elect position for 2020. DSEC will vote to put forth a candidate for the broader section's approval during its December 2019 meeting. We encourage any section members who are interested in section leadership positions to contact current DSEC members.

Policy Action. Members of DSEC sent a letter to the Board of Governors (BOG) urging it to eliminate the use of judicial preference polling for circuit court elections and appointments—an action ultimately taken by the BOG. DSEC leaders also wrote to the BOG to express concerns related to proposed amendments to the standard section bylaws relating to fund balances and membership thresholds. The BOG adopted one of DSEC's recommendations to implement a waiver process to allow sections to set aside funds for large-scale events. This action ensured the Diversity Section is positioned to carry out its mission, particularly with respect to organizing educational programs that facilitate constructive discussion and enhanced understanding of diversity issues.

Spring 2020 Diversity Reception at the Oregon Governor's Official Residence. Governor Brown recently approved a proposal submitted by the Diversity Section to jointly host a reception at Mahonia Hall. The reception is slated for spring of 2020, and is designed to honor and promote diversity, inclusion, and equity within the Oregon bar and bench. The reception will emphasize participation by new, non-dominant culture lawyers (including judicial law clerks) and diverse third-year law students attending Oregon law schools, for the purpose of embracing the invitees as integral colleagues and working to retain them in the State of Oregon in service to the Oregon bench and bar. The objective of this event is to recognize progress achieved to date in implementing diversity and inclusion goals within Oregon's legal system, as well as to complement efforts to recruit and retain diverse lawyers and judges in Oregon. This event forms part of OSB's and the Diversity Section's ongoing cumulative work to retain and support non-dominant culture lawyers in Oregon.

Toolkit. The Diversity Section continued its close collaboration with the OSB Diversity & Inclusion Department on the Convocation on Equality Toolkit. This year, the OSB D&I Department retained an outside consultant to conduct a climate survey to assess workplace issues impacting the experience of diverse attorneys in Oregon. Results of that survey will be released in an official report shortly and will inform our approach to finalizing the toolkit project.

Recommendations for 2020:

DSEC will prioritize the work of organizing the 2021 Convocation on Equality. We will continue to collaborate with and support minority and specialty bar associations on programs that support the Diversity Section's mission. We seek to expand the reach of the Diversity Section's work by including law students from the three law schools as advisory members to DSEC. Lastly, we hope to develop new ways to engage our section members in furtherance of our mission.

Respectfully submitted: Rebecca Ivanoff (CH), Lorelei Craig (CH-Elect), Percy Wise (TR), Tracy Frazier (SEC), Ashley Carter, John Haroldson, Kelsey Heilman, Janna Beth Kim, Melina Martinez, Phylis Myles, Hon. Melvin Oden-Orr, Sarah Sabri, Randy Arthur (Adv. Member), Michael Rondeau (BC), Jonathan Puente (BL).

Elder Law

Activities and accomplishments:

The Elder Law Section Executive Committee meets six times a year and is comprised of five officers and eleven members for a total of sixteen. Most Elder Law Section activities take place through the work of specific Section subcommittees. The four subcommittees of the Elder Law Section Executive Committee are 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 during the fall, with replay opportunities around the state. This year the section invited a national speaker, David Lillesand, to present. Once again, the CLE was held at the Multnomah Athletic Club. The Section also traditionally holds an UnCLE

in May in Eugene, Oregon. The format of the UnCLE is an informal day-long session 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 four facilitated sessions and during each session, participants can choose one of the four topics offered. The topics usually include estate planning, protective proceedings, Medicaid, and Practice Management. Attendees bring printed materials to share and actively participate in session discussions by raising questions and providing answers based on personal and practice experience.

Newsletter Subcommittee: The quarterly Elder Law Section Newsletter, professionally edited by Carole Barkley is a major benefit provided by the Section to its members. The Subcommittee is chaired by Monica Pacheco. Its members and the editor determine each issue's focus and 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 was created in 2017. The Section provided scholarships to new lawyers and/or those earning a smaller annual salary to two participants for the Fall CLE in October 2019 and to two participants for the 2019 UnCLE.

Legislative Subcommittee: During 2019, the subcommittee worked with the Section, the bar, and other stakeholders to monitor and participate in legislative proposals that affect people who are elderly, incapacitated and/or financially incompetent. The Legislative Subcommittee is chaired by Christopher Hamilton.

HB 2460: Senior property tax deferral program - The Elder Law Section put forward this bill during the 2019 legislative session. It fixes the situation where a property involved in the senior tax deferral program is underwater at the death of the owner. Prior to passage of this law, the statute seemed to suggest an heir was jointly and severally liable for the deferred property tax debt, even if that heir took no beneficial interest in the property or any other property of the estate. The Oregon Department of Revenue issued several tax demands to heirs under these circumstances. The bill ensures that an heir is only jointly and severally liable if they occupy, lease,

or use the property for more than ninety days after the death of the deferral program participant, receive the property from the estate, or receive the property by gift or assignment from an insolvent owner. Effective date September 29, 2019

The subcommittee monitored but did not act on several other pieces of legislation during the 2019 session and will similarly track bills during the 2020 session. Bills being tracked in 2020 should be available under the heading Bar Group Bill Tracking once the session has started at <https://www.osbar.org/pubaffairs/index.html#legislative>. The legislative subcommittee welcomes comment on bills being tracked and suggestions for bills that should be tracked or have action taken on.

The executive committee is considering adding an additional committee to specifically cover Social Security / Medicaid issues and coordinate advocacy with national organizations. This should be finalized in early 2020.

The executive Bar committee approved a flyer that was distributed at the fall new lawyer swearing in ceremony. The committee had a representative attend orientation events for both Willamette University College of Law and Lewis & Clark Law School to provide information about our section.

Budget:

As of October 31, 2019, the Elder Law Section had 552 paid memberships and twenty-one complimentary memberships (given to judges, court staff and OSB members of 50 or more years). This is a 3% increase from 2018. Annual dues remain at \$25 for 2019. The executive committee discussed raising dues for 2020 but decided it was not necessary. 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. The Section made contributions to the Campaign for Equal Justice, Guardian Partners, Disability Rights Oregon, and Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Various Section members have been involved and will continue to be involved with legislative proposals. Planning is underway for both the May 2020 and October 2020 CLE events and the newsletter themes and topics are being settled for 2020.

Recommendations for 2020:

The section will continue to work to lower CLE expenses. The section has been operating with a deficit budget for a few years. Current forecasts show that any surplus in the section's account will be depleted in the coming years at the current rate. To continue to provide as many excellent programs for members to learn and meet one another, the deficit must be reduced. Current options include the continued effort to reduce overall expenses for CLEs and a potential small increase in dues.

Respectfully submitted: Darin Dooley (CH), Theresa Hollis (CH-Elect), Jan Friedman (Past-CH), Kathryn Belcher (TR), Andrea Ogston (SEC), Corey Driscoll, Christopher Hamilton, Jennifer Kwon, Michael Mayerle, Matthew McKean, Anastasia Meisner, Julie Nimncht, Monica Pacheco, Kay Hyde-Patton, Thomas Pixton, Julie Rowett, Kamron Graham (BC), Amy Zubko (BL).

Environmental & Natural Resources

Activities and accomplishments:

Brownbag CLEs: The ENR section hosted three brownbag CLE programs (free to section members) on a range of topics relevant to the section membership: diversity in the field of agriculture (held in conjunction with the Ag Section and Lewis & Clark Law School), a legislative preview (held in Salem), and Oregon air quality regulatory update including Clean Air Act federal and state perspectives. These events were well attended.

Annual CLE: The ENR section hosted its annual "Environmental Law—The Year in Review" CLE on October 3, 2019. Close to 60 attended the event, and we received positive feedback. Key discussion topics included the Columbia River Treaty, RCRA, public lands, nonpoint source regulation, working with experts, energy law and policy, and ethics. As in previous years, the section worked to keep registration cost down to make the CLE accessible to more members.

E-Outlooks: The ENR section published two E-Outlooks, which provide detailed analyses of recent legislative, regulatory, and judicial developments relevant to environmental and natural resource practitioners. These articles addressed the ESA-listed Greater sage-grouse and legislative updates after the 2019 legislative session.

Case Notes: The ENR section published three editions of its Case Notes, which summarize recent state and federal decisions that are relevant to our members.

Website: The section continues to use its website to share materials. For the Annual CLE in 2019, all materials were distributed via the website. The site is an effective portal where members can access publications, review Executive Committee agendas and minutes, and learn about upcoming section events.

ListServ: The section began to use its listserv this year to provide notices about upcoming events, including the Executive Committee meetings. It does not receive a lot of traffic, but we have made efforts for section members to know it is available as a resource.

Field Trips: The section hosted a field trip to Eagle Creek to learn about fire ecology and the recovery and restoration of the forest and trails in the Columbia River Gorge a year after the Eagle Creek Fire. The event was well attended, and CLE credit was provided to attendees.

Budget:

As of the end of October 2019, the section's fund balance was \$9,887. The Executive Committee approved the 2020 budget with the following provisions. The Section approved, and the Board of Governors subsequently approved, a dues increase to \$25 in 2020 (from \$20). Projected 2020 revenues are \$17,825 and projected expenses are \$17,553. This budget will provide for a reserve balance of approximately \$7,501. The section currently has 561 total members (468 paid, 93 complimentary).

Recognizing the challenges that newer attorneys face, the section provided complimentary membership to new admittees through the first full year of practice.

Legislative issues:

The section issued an E-Outlook on the 2019 legislative session to inform members of environmental and natural resources legislative actions and activities. The section also held a legislative preview brownbag in early 2019.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The section held its annual meeting and Executive Committee elections after the annual CLE on October 3, 2019. The section's annual award

will be presented to Jan Neuman at the annual holiday party on December 12, 2019, in recognition of her outstanding contributions in the areas of environmental and natural resources law.

Recommendations for 2020:

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 2020.

Any other comments:

The Executive Committee continues to work on diversifying the committee and the section membership, and those efforts will continue in 2020.

Respectfully submitted: Kate LaRiche Moore (CH), Sarah Liljeflet (CH-Elect), Lawson Fife (Past-CH), Maura Fahey (TR), Caylin Barter (SEC), Dominic Carollo, Ashley Carter, Michael Freese, Kirk Maag, John Mellgren, Alia Miles, Ryan Shannon, Mark Strandberg, Christopher Thomas, Michael Rondeau (BC), Stacy Owen (BL).

Estate Planning and Administration

Activities and accomplishments:

The section was active in five areas in 2019: (1) The section conducted two one-day CLE programs, which were co-sponsored by the OSB CLE Department. As we do each year, the June program was devoted to advanced topics, and the November program was devoted to basic topics. Both programs were well-attended and successful. The November 2019 program was designed to assist younger attorneys in becoming more familiar with the Oregon Estate Tax, and it was particularly well-attended. (2) The section published a quarterly newsletter with articles on current developments and technical topics of interest to estate planners. (3) The section is working on developing estate planning forms for use by Oregon attorneys, particularly younger attorneys and solo practitioners who do not have the resources to develop their own forms. (4) The section monitored legislation pending in the 2019 legislative session, and worked with other sections on legislation of common interest. (5) The section maintains a very active listserv, which is enormously helpful to our members in sharing information on estate planning topics.

Budget:

The section has an annual budget of about \$26,000. The reserve fund of the section has been declining in recent years, partly due to increased costs from the OSB, the expense of the forms project, and bringing in a nationally-known speaker for one of our CLE programs. As a result, the section membership voted at our June meeting for a dues increase. The reserve fund currently stands at about \$11,000, which we consider to be a modest amount. We are optimistic that the reserve can be increased slightly in the coming year.

Legislative issues:

The section monitored a bill dealing with environmentally-oriented investing of trust assets, and plans a bill in the next legislative session dealing with technical changes in the statutes governing the Oregon Estate Tax.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The matters considered by the executive committee are discussed above, and currently no significant matters are pending.

Recommendations for 2020:

The section plans to complete its forms project (described above) and to monitor legislation introduced for the 2021 legislative session, which will be a regular (long) session. The 2020 session will be a short one, and we are not currently aware of any legislation pending in that session that is of interest to our section. However, we will nevertheless monitor the session in case something of interest is introduced.

Any other comments:

The section continues to be a valuable resource for its membership of about 1,200 Oregon attorneys.

Respectfully submitted: Philip Jones (CH), Holly Mitchell (CH-Elect), Eric Wieland (TR), Hilary Newcomb (SEC), Stuart Allen, Susan Bock, Eric Foster, Nicholas Frost, Heather Gilmore, Janice Hatton, Erin MacDonald, Melanie Marmion, Michele Buck-Romero, Barbara Smith, Margaret Vining, Julia Rice (BC), Matthew Shields (BL).

Energy, Telecommunications and Utility Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2019, the ETU Section sponsored 2 CLEs, both of which were combined with networking lunches. The Spring CLE was hosted at Stoel Rives. The Section brought in a large and diverse panel to discuss climate change and the Oregon Cap & Trade Legislation then pending before the state legislature. This CLE also reported on then-pending legislation relevant to our members. The second CLE held in late October included two topics: (1) Changing Drivers in Electric Generating Resource Development: End-Use Consumers' Preference for Choosing Energy Resources; and (2) a telecommunication discussion regarding the FCC's Net Neutrality rules and recent court cases and federal and state legislation regarding these rules. Finally, we hosted a "Summer Social" for ETU Section members at the MRG law firm. In addition to CLEs, we participated in the "Bar Crawl" event at Lewis & Clark, where we engaged with law students to promote our practices and membership in the Section.

Budget:

The Section began the year with a fund balance of \$2,927. After revenues of \$6,452 and expenses of \$5,502, the section is forecast to end 2019 with a fund balance of just under \$4,000. The section charged members for the first CLE but not the second, where we hosted both the CLE and the lunch for our Annual Meeting. We expect a positive cash-flow in the future.

Legislative issues:

The Section did not take a position on any legislation in 2019. The Section does not anticipate taking a position on legislation in 2020, particularly given the shortness of the 2020 Session.

Recommendations for 2020:

We continue to struggle with making CLEs available to members who live outside the Portland metro area. We made the Spring CLE available through a Webinar format, but were vexed by some early technology issues and a limited ability to make Q&A available to those not in the room, making it somewhat difficult for participants to hear and participate in Q&A. Generally speaking, this was a solid improvement over past efforts. We need to continue to work on that continuing issue. We are pleased to offer free CLEs, and hope to maintain a

budget to do so. The section should continue to aim for at least two CLEs, along with one networking opportunity where we host a speaker, and its annual meeting (some of which may be combined). I echo prior years' recommendation that the Section should continue to 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. Finally, we made some inroads into engaging law students and newly licensed lawyers. In 2020, we should be more focused in that effort, including promotion within our workplaces and support for the Lewis & Clark "Bar Prowl" as well as other such events hosted at other law schools.

Any other comments:

The Section needs to continue working with the bar to address CLE registrations and to promote our CLEs outside of Portland. We have now established online registration and payments. We need to look back at how that's gone and make any needed adjustments.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy L. McMahan (CH), Jasmine C. Hites (Past CH), Sommer Moser (CH-Elect), Mark Thompson (TR), Adrienne Thompson (SEC), Erin Apperson, Betsey Bridge, , Alan Galloway, Mike Goetz, Tre Hendricks, Adam Lowney, David Olson, Jocelyn Pease, Irion Sanger, Silvia Tanner, Elizabeth Uzelac, Mary Wiencke, Jenny Cooke (BC).

Family Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Family Law Section enjoyed another successful Annual Conference, with approximately 435 registrants. Overall, our attendees provided positive feedback regarding the materials and topics presented over the course of 1.5 days in Sunriver. The conference was approved for 14 CLE credits, including Ethics and Access to Justice credits. After four years at Sunriver, the Annual Conference will be returning to Salishan Resort and Spa in 2020. This move is being made to keep the cost of the conference low for attendees. We have offered this CLE for one of the lowest costs per credit hour compared to other Sections, and it is our goal to maintain this bragging right.

The Section provided a reduced registration fee for section members who demonstrated a financial

need or hardship created by the cost of attending the Annual Conference.

Our Section continues to publish the Family Law Newsletter, which provides our members with valuable information regarding various areas impacting family law practitioners and the most recent cases from the Court of Appeals. The Honorable Daniel Murphy continues to provide his excellent editorial services to the Newsletter.

Budget:

The Section continues to be in a strong financial position given our high membership base (over 900 section members) and the large number of registrants at the Annual Conference. Our Section dues remain at \$25.00 per member.

Legislative issues:

2019 was a busy legislative year. The Section weighed in heavily on SB 318, which clarifies that a court has the discretionary authority to order equal parenting time. The only new requirement imposed on courts with the passage of SB 318 is that if a parent requests equal parenting time and the court declines to make such a plan, the denial must be supported by written findings in the judgment that equal parenting time is not in the child's best interests or that it endangers the safety of the parties. The final version of SB 318 that was passed did not create a presumption of equal parenting time.

Other legislation included: SB 356 (provides judges authority to require the custodial parent to notify the other of specific child-related matters and allow for an opportunity to comment); SB 385 (allows the presiding judge of each district to establish alternative dispute resolution conference procedures for custody and parenting time modifications and enforcement); SB 1011 (provides that an obligee spouse's conviction for attempted murder or conspiracy to commit murder of the obligor spousal is a change of circumstances for purposes of spousal support modifications); HB 2013 (possession of firearms when subject to certain protective orders); SB 3117 (modification of FAPA statute that removes the need for a petitioner to prove that the petitioner remains in imminent danger of further abuse at the time of a contested hearing); and SB 995 (modifies provisions relating to restraining orders).

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section Website will be migrating to the OSB's platform, which will occur shortly.

The Executive Committee is developing a new award that will honor a section member for his or her contributions to the section.

Historically, the Executive Committee has not made charitable contributions to any organizations, such as the Campaign for Equal Justice or the Classroom Law Project. The Committee is reconsidering its stance on charitable contributions.

Recommendations for 2020:

The Board of Governors is moving forward with a committee to explore the implementation of a paraprofessional program, and it is important for the Section to have members on this committee who can provide practical assistance in the development of this program.

The Section continues to evaluate whether the Annual Conference should be recorded and offered remotely, or if doing so will have a detrimental impact on attendance.

The Section will need to evaluate the cost of the Annual Conference with its return to Salishan. It is our hope that the move will decrease the overall cost of the Conference, which means that the registration fees can remain low.

Amanda Thorpe and Keri Smith will co-chair the 2020 Annual Conference. We look forward to another successful year.

The following slate was elected for the following positions: (Terms ending December 31, 2020) Chair: Amanda Thorpe, Chair-Elect: Annelisa Smith, Past Chair: Stephanie F. Wilson, Secretary: Murray Pettit, Treasurer: Zachary Fruchtengarten.

The committee would like to welcome new members Daniel Miller (Albany) and Erin Fennerty (Eugene).

Any other comments:

Thank you to Debra Dority for her years of service on the Executive Committee. Debra has been an invaluable member to the committee, providing guidance to the Annual Conference Committee and Chairs over the years. Debra, we will miss working with you!

Respectfully submitted: Stephanie Wilson (CH), Amanda Thorpe (CH-Elect), Jennifer Brown (Past-CH), Zachary Fruchtengarten (TR), Annelisa Smith (SEC), Jennifer Currin, Debra Dority, Andrew Ivers, Murray Pettit, Kimberly Quach, Keri Smith, Shannon Durfey Snow, Katherine Denning (BC), Susan Grabe (BL).

Health Law

Activities and accomplishments:

The Health Law Section hosted multiple lunchtime CLEs and networking events at no cost to participants. In addition, it held its Annual CLE in October 2019. The section monitored health care related legislation and provided updates to its membership at section events.

Budget:

The Health Law Section requested and received from the Board of Governors a fund balance waiver for 2020. Despite not raising our modest membership fees, the Health Law Section continues to have healthy financials. That is largely due to the strong attendance at the Annual CLE. For 2019, we have increased the budget for the annual conference from \$15,000 to \$18,000, to account for additional expenses relating to speakers, a larger downtown Portland venue, and broadcasting the CLE as a webinar. We also plan to implement a new member outreach event with the hope of continuing to expand our membership. Our projected cost for such an event is \$3,500.

Legislation:

Health care continues to be dynamic with material, substantive changes during each legislative cycle at the local, state, and federal levels. In 2019, Oregon unveiled CCO 2.0, which will significantly impact the Medicaid market in the next several years. There has also been increased local and national attention on mental health, addiction, vaping, and other important public health matters. The Health Law Section continues to monitor these developments and several other new laws, rules, and regulations.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

In 2018, the Health Law Section developed and approved a charitable giving policy, with the intent of aligning the policy with the direction from the bar. In accordance with that policy, the Executive

Committee voted in 2019 to donate \$1,000 to the Campaign for Equal Justice.

Recommendations for 2020:

Our lunchtime CLEs and annual CLE were quite successful this past year. We will continue to focus on these core activities in 2020. As mentioned above, we will also explore whether to proceed with a new member outreach event.

Respectfully submitted: Robert Sinnott (CH), Sarah Bimber (CH-Elect), Deanna Laidler (Past-CH), Jennifer Baker (TR), Thomas Karnes (SEC), Amber Zupancic-Albin, Meghan Bours, Jennifer Franks, Joe Greenman, Sid Khanijou, Deanna Laidler, Megan Lane, Molly Marcum, Monica Martinez, Eric Neiman, Eric Foster (BC), Dustin Dopps (BL).

International Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section sponsored two CLEs in 2019, one on U.S. foreign assistance law featuring speakers from USAID, and one on developments in the law governing national security review by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (“CFIUS”), featuring a Washington DC-based attorney and attorney who worked in-house through a CFIUS review. The section also purchased a table at the Celebrate Trade dinner hosted by the Oregon Consular Corps for members to attend.

Budget:

We began 2019 with an account balance well above the recently created guidelines. Accordingly, we endeavored to spend money this year on CLEs and other activities in furtherance of our objective. In particular, we hosted the CLEs described above, and for the CFIUS CLE, we flew in an experienced speaker from Washington DC. We also sponsored a table for the Celebrate Trade dinner hosted by the Oregon Consular Corp. In budgeting for 2020, we plan to continue to use or funds for CLEs and other events of interest to the section.

Legislative issues:

The section does not currently have any legislative matters.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The section has primarily been focused on providing quality CLEs and other events for its

members, and the matters we have considered primarily relate to these matters.

Recommendations for 2020:

The section is planning on continuing to pursue high quality CLEs and activities for its members.

Respectfully submitted: Merril Keane (CH), Masayuki Yamaguchi (CH-Elect), Sean Levy (Past-CH), Eric Kodesch (TR), Nathaniel Levy (SEC), Chad Colton, Juan Costantini, Traci Rossi (BC), Natalie Batiste (BL).

Intellectual Property Section

Activities and accomplishments:

We held our annual Year-in-Review CLE at the Bar Center in February, six lunchtime CLEs throughout the year, and our Annual Meeting and CLE in October. Our CLEs covered such topics as concurrent trademark use, open source licensing, design patents, IP in China, Inter Partes Review of patents, blockchain, and music copyrights. Our Annual Meeting featured a presentation by John Cabeca, the Director of the West Coast Region for the USPTO.

We hosted happy hour social events for our membership and sponsored an outreach event for Lewis & Clark law school students. We contributed a donation to the Oregon Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts.

Budget:

We will end the year on budget, with approximately 450 members in the section and a balance of approximately \$15,500.

Legislative issues:

The legislative subcommittee of the executive committee tracked a handful of bills, none of which warranted the Section taking an official position.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive committee is working toward securing a new venue for the Section’s regular lunchtime CLEs and currently has speaker commitments for five CLEs in 2020. Speakers are secured for our annual Year-in-Review CLE at the Bar Center in February.

Recommendations for 2020:

The executive committee envisions securing speakers an additional three CLEs and its Annual Meeting in October. We also are actively working

on planning an outreach event at Willamette Law and hope to make contact with University of Oregon School of Law for outreach.

Any other comments:

The Intellectual Property Section is a thriving and busy section of the bar. The executive committee meets monthly. We look forward to continuing to offer numerous, diverse CLE topics and speakers and other programs of interest for our section members in 2020.

Respectfully submitted: Ian Gates (CH), Parna Mehrbani (CH-Elect), Thomas Vesbit (Past CH), Christopher Erickson (TR), Mark Wilson (SEC), Tomas Gomez-Arostegui, Kimberly Nicole Fisher, Andrew Harrington, Andrea Hicks Jasinek, Kristin Malone, Cassandra Mercer, Kevin Ross, Sara Maurer Vanderhoff, Marie Wieskopf, John Grant (BC), Dustin Dopps (BL).

Juvenile Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Our annual CLE was held on February 1, 2019, and called, "Charlie and the Juvenile Law Factory: Avoiding the Conveyor Belt." The CLE was held in Tigard and was well attended. The feedback from that CLE was used when planning our 2020 CLE which will focus on the nuts and bolts of practicing juvenile law including motion work, courtroom decorum, and evidence.

This year the section had a strong presence at the Willamette Specialty Bar reception, the Oregon State Bar Fall Swearing in Ceremony, and the Lewis and Clark Bar Prowl. We find it important to engage and inspire the next generation of lawyers. We learned that there are many law students who are aware that juvenile law is a practice area and are interested in learning more. To that end, the board explored the possibility of giving law students free membership to the section.

As a new service to our members, the Committee now sends out appellate summaries to members. The website has also been updated to include helpful links and other information which can be of added value to our members.

With support and assistance from bar, section members authored, or recruited volunteers to create the newly revised juvenile delinquency bar book.

Budget:

Provide general budget information from the 2019 year and/or 2020 year.

After raising dues for 2019, the section was able to maintain a high level of donations to multiple organizations that provide value to our members. For 2020, we expect to continue the practice with a balanced budget that was approved and submitted in October.

Legislative issues:

The 2019 legislative session saw many changes in both dependency and delinquency law. The Committee closely tracked over 100 bills and raised awareness about important legislation to section members. The section itself did not author or propose any legislation although many members were personally active in the passage of acts.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Committee seeks to continue the practice of supporting travel so that representation from all areas of the state is possible. The Committee encourages all those with interest to participate in section meetings and sub-groups. The promotion of a conference line so that all section members can participate in the section meeting has gained approval and will hopefully increase participation.

Recommendations for 2020:

2020 should be an exciting year for the Juvenile Law Section as there will be many changes in juvenile law itself. Continued outreach to and inclusivity of all current and future section members is encouraged. The committee is working to better understand the diverse needs of its members and plans to send a survey to its members in early 2020.

Respectfully submitted: Kristen Farnworth (CH), Amy Saeger Miller (CH-Elect), Sarah Robbins (Past-CH), Ryan Phillips (TR), Megan Jacquot (SEC), Staci Barry, Diana Bettles, Ginger Fitch, Scott Harris, Tiffany Keast, Jason Kropf, Morgan Long, Tyler Neish, Timothy O'Donnell, Sonja Rietman, Annelisa Smith, Shannon Storey, Jenny Cooke (BC).

Litigation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section continued its tradition of active leadership, excellent programming, and focused outreach. Our Executive Committee was once again active this year, meeting four times. We continued to achieve geographic diversity in meeting locations, allowing for maximum participation of the statewide group. We met January 19 in Cannon Beach; March 2 at Skamania following the Litigation Institute and Retreat; June 8 in Bend; and September 13 at the OSB office in Tigard.

The year included successful CLE presentations and programming, which were well attended by the section's membership. The programming subcommittee revamped the Judge's Corner CLE series, and on April 15, we offered our free webinar as well as articles from Judges around the state on topics of interest to our members. Practitioners were added to the revamped program, as authors and presenters, moderated by former Chief Justice Thomas Balmer. We continue to revamp the program, after the appointment of the program chair Judge Jodie Mooney to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

The Section offered our Fundamentals of Oregon Civil Trial Procedure program on September 26-27, which featured nuts and bolts topics taught by a distinguished faculty. Although our live program had a drop-off in attendance, we had an increase in the numbers of webinar participants. The programming subcommittee will be looking at revamping this program to attract more live attendees.

The Executive Committee participated in the program planning and presentation of the Litigation Institute and Retreat at Skamania. Participation rebounded from last year, including demographic diversity that promises success for this program going forward. The Section has formed a subcommittee to study and make recommendations on the future of the Institute, including its timing, location, and programming, to ensure its success going forward.

The Executive Committee continues to address the changing demographics of the Section, focusing on 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. We are also increasing the scholarship budget designed to attract younger practitioners. Those efforts need to continue.

Budget:

The section continued to be financially sound this year, operating consistent with the 2019 budget.

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. The Executive Committee has worked tirelessly to offset increased costs with sponsorships, bringing the Institute within working budget numbers. The Retreat remains a flagship program that is attended by many, although 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.

Recommendations for 2020:

The current Executive Committee recommends that in 2020 we continue excellent programming and membership recruiting. We are excited to have a new board member join us to diversify the Executive Committee and bring fresh insight into offering our members engaging and meaningful program that brings value to their membership.

Any other comments:

Include any additional important information.

Respectfully submitted: Kimberly Stuart (CH), Jeanne Loftis (CH-Elect), Scott Lucas (Past-CH), Ben Eder (TR), Lindsey Hughes (SEC), John Bachofner, Matthew Donohue, Gillion Dumas, David Linthorst, Josephine Mooney, Lucas Reese, Renee Rothauge, Jennifer Wagner, Kate Wilkinson, Xin Xu, John Bachofner (BC), Karen Lee (BL).

Military and Veterans Law Section

Activities and Accomplishments:

2019 was a busy year for the OSB's Military and Veterans Law Section. Some of the highlights of note were:

The Association for Continuing Legal Education (ACLEA) awarded the Oregon State Bar's Military and Veterans Law Section an International Award for Professional Excellence for its BarBook Veterans, Military Servicemembers, and the Law, in the Best Publication category. The innovation and access to justice aspects of the project resulted in this being the first time an OSB Legal Publications title won the top ACLEA prize. ACLEA members are professionals in the fields of continuing legal education and legal publishing. Its annual ACLEA's Best Awards are highly competitive and winning projects represent the highest level of achievement for the staff and volunteers involved. ACLEA formally presented the award to the OSB Legal Publications Department at the Annual Meeting of ACLEA in Chicago, IL on July 30, 2019.

Our legislative sub-committee that included Executive Committee Member Jesse Barton and 2019 Section Chair Ross Neher worked with Susan Grabe and other OSB personnel to pass House Bill 2642, that relates to persons with Military service involved in the criminal justice system, that directs Oregon Courts to, at time of arraignment, notify defendant that status as servicemember may make defendant eligible for treatment programs, diversion, specialty courts or sentencing mitigation.

The MVLS will hold a CLE and Social in downtown Portland on December 17, 2019, where Executive Committee Member Jesse Barton will present on Veterans Defense & House Bill 2462. The combination event will also support Toys for Tots and the section has asked attendees to consider bringing a donation to support this important charity.

Budget:

See budget presented by MVLS Treasurer Mark Holady

Legislative Issues:

In addition to the successful HB 2462 that will become law effective January 1, 2020, the MVLS had worked with OSB on HB 2461, that would have created a temporary stay of eviction for certain low-income Veterans. The MVLS Section will continue its

work on this legislative effort in upcoming legislative sessions.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

At the end of 2019, the MVLS considered how it can get more involved with Oregon's law schools and the Military and Veteran law students currently enrolled. The Section will continue to work with its law student members on this project.

Recommendations for 2020:

In 2020 the MVLS is planning on hosting more CLE events and also plans to encourage its members and members of the OSB to participate in the Oregon Veterans History Project.

The Oregon Court Reporters Association and the MVLS joined forces to form an Oregon Veterans History Project. Working to create submissions to the Library of Congress, this partnership collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war Veterans so that future generations may hear directly from Veterans and better understand the realities of war.

MVLS would like to continue to grow the section and continue to foster good relationships with organizations serving veterans across Oregon.

Other comments:

MVLS continues to evaluate how we can execute our mission to provide a voice for the Oregon State Bar to address the unique legal needs of Oregon's veterans and Service members.

Respectfully submitted: Ross Neher (CH), Trevor Caldwell (CH-Elect), Jaimie Fender (Past-CH), Mark Holady (TR), Jennifer Sackett (SEC), Jesse Barton, James Gardner, Wesley Hill, Luke Miller, James Rice, Heather St. Clair, Brian Wayson, Hi'ilei, Haru (Adv Member), Whitney Boise (BC), Troy Wood (BL).

Nonprofit Organizations Law

Activities and accomplishments:

Planning for changes to the committee meetings. Planning for CLEs for next year, to be held in a different manner. Consideration of new method of publishing newsletters.

Budget:

NOLS received about \$4,000 from membership fees in 2019. It does not have any other source of revenues for this year. It has spent about \$2,000,

substantially less than budgeted because we decided not to hold a CLE this year while planning for changes for next year.

Legislative issues:

Substantial changes to ORS Chapter 65, Nonprofit Corporations, were passed by the legislature in 2019 after several years of work by NOLS. A summary of the changes and a detailed explanation are available on the NOLS website. The specific people who deserve credit are also listed. There are no pending legislative matters.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The section is planning a BarBook on nonprofit law.

Recommendations for 2020:

Increase membership and participation in NOLS activities.

Respectfully submitted: Scott Pratt (CH), Michele Wasson (CH-Elect), Estate of Anne O'Malley (Past CH), Kimberly Rose Burk Pray (TR), Rosalie Westenskow (SEC), Alexander Bassos, Brent Berselli, Maria Frances Di Miceli, Susan Gary, Brian Jolly, Nancy Murray, Alexander Sollars, Jeffrey Thede, Eric Foster (BC), Anna Zanolli (BL).

Real Estate & Land Use Section

Activities and accomplishments:

RELU's Executive Committee and its standing and ad hoc subcommittees continued its work throughout 2019 to expand member services, to increase Section membership, and to increase diverse state-wide participation in our Section. The Executive Committee met monthly except for July (with a short August Meeting during the annual section member meeting); and the November and December meetings will be combined on December 6. Subcommittees met as needed. Standing 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. A new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion subcommittee was organized in 2019. The

new co-chairs have recruited members and worked on a plan for future efforts. Regular meeting should begin in 2020. This committee was created to focus on implementing and growing diversity in RELU based on the BOG guidelines.

Annual Summer Conference. The RELU Annual Meeting/Summer Conference was held August 15 through 17 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 hours of CLE credits, including 5.5 hours of general credits, 3.25 of Practical Skills credits, 1 Ethics credit and 1 Access to Justice Credit for those attending all of the sessions. At the all-member lunch meeting on August 16, Section Chair Laura Craska Cooper awarded the Section's "Award of Merit" to Jim Casterline, recognizing his many years of service as a Section Executive Committee member and as the long-time chair of the Education Committee. The general response to the facility and service at The Riverhouse was positive. Registered attendance was more than expected. Costs were kept reasonable (\$275 for Section members and \$300 for others) by the efforts of Subcommittee members to raise more than \$13,000 in sponsorships and advertisements.

Annual Spring CLE. The section's one-day Spring CLE was held on April 19 at the OSB Center. This year's spring forum CLE explored current, advanced topics in real estate and land use. The Executive Committee has decided to continue with the spring CLE as a co-sponsored event with the OSB. Attendance levels are steady.

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 2019 lunch CLE topics included Legal Descriptions, Just Cause and Rent Stabilization under SB 608, Insurance for Real Estate Lawyers, Practice Tips from the Commercial Title and Escrow World, and Real Estate and Land Use Legislation.

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. Through the efforts of our new webmaster, Judy Parker, the Section's website has been updated regularly and now includes even more information about subcommittees and how members can get involved in section activities or access section resources.

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 Listserv 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.

Budget:

2019 expenditures are generally within budget, with revenues slightly greater than forecast and expenses slightly below the forecast. With one month to go, and no new revenue anticipated in December, annual revenue and expenses are likely to be close to balanced. The increase in sponsorships and advertisers solicited by Education Committee members for the Section's Annual Summer Conference (\$ 12,550) was a leading contributor to the positive result for the summer event. The increasing costs of facilities and recording makes our other CLE and luncheon event a cost negative function, but they are nonetheless very important resources for our members. The Section will try to 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 2020 Annual Summer CLE is scheduled at Salishan Resort in Gleneden Beach. The EC's decision last year to reduce the cost of its annual 2-day planning meeting in Ashland, by no longer covering the cost of a play at the Shakespeare Festival, has helped the Section's bottom line.

Legislative issues:

RELU tracked a number of bills during the 2019 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.

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

Recommendations for 2020:

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, although the costs have been trimmed.

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.

Respectfully submitted: Laura Craska Cooper (CH), Sarah Stauffer Curtiss (CH-Elect), Dustin Klinger (Past-CH), Eugene Anderson (TR), Scott Hilgenberg (SEC), Jennifer M. Bragar, Garrett Chrostek, Anne C. Davies, Brian DiFonzo, Patricia A. Ihnat, Lauren A. King, Peter Livingston, Marisol Ricoy McAllister, Bryan E. Powell, William L. Rasmussen, Paul Trincherro, Natasha A. Zimmerman, Judith Parker (Adv Member), Eddie Medina (BC).

Securities Regulation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Securities Regulation Section (“the Section”) sponsored four CLE luncheons on securities regulation topics (with a fifth CLE luncheon to be held for the December luncheon) and obtained, or will obtain, 0.5 MCLE-approved credits for each presentation. The luncheons were held at the Sentinel hotel. The programs included:

Recent Tools to Combat Financial Elder Abuse: Mandatory and Permissive Conduct under FINRA Rules and Oregon Law for Securities Professionals, presented February 21, 2019, by Victoria Blachly and Darlene Pasieczny, Samuels Yoelin Kantor.

Recent Securities Law Developments re: Initial Coin Offerings, presented April 17, 2019, by Marco Materazzi, Emerge law Group.

Aequitas Securities Class Action Update - Key Rulings under the Oregon Securities Laws, presented June 5, 2019, by Lydia Anderson-Dana, Timothy DeJong, and Jen Wagner, Stoll Berne.

New Developments in Securities Law: 20 items in 20 minutes, presented September 18, 2019, by Tanya Durkee Urbach, Markun Zusman Friere Compton, and William H. Caffee, White Summers Caffee & James.

Daniel L. Keppler, Foster Garvey, and David J. Elkanich, Holland & Knight, will present an ethics CLE for the luncheon on December 18, 2019. The title of their program is Insecurity: The Interplay of Ethics and Liability for Securities Lawyers.

The Section gathered for a summer social on August 21, 2019 at Tonkon Torp. The Section’s annual meeting was October 15, 2019 at Stoel Rives. The dinner meeting included a CLE program, Opportunity Zone Basics for Securities Attorneys, presented by Rachel Atchison and Michael Millender of Tonkon Torp.

Daniel L. Keppler represented the Section on the planning committee of the 39th Annual Northwest Securities Institute, which was May 3, 2019, in Portland. The Section co-sponsored the 39th Annual Northwest Securities Institute with the Oregon State Bar and the Washington State Bar. The program faculty included at least seven Oregon attorneys who were speakers on panels, including Dorothy Bean, Oregon Division of Financial Regulation; David J. Elkanich, Holland & Knight; Daniel L. Keppler, Foster Garvey; Dave Kopilak and Marco Materazzi, Emerge

Law Group; and Michael Schrader and Steven White, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe.

The Section has not awarded scholarships in 2019. The Section planned to award a scholarship to the top securities law student (as chosen by the securities law professor) at each of the law schools in Oregon, but Willamette University College of Law, and University of Oregon School of Law, did not offer a securities regulation course in 2019. The other law school in Oregon, Lewis & Clark Law School, offered a securities law class during the fall of 2019, and the class has not yet concluded.

The section’s charitable contributions in 2019 included donations of \$500 to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association and \$500 to the Campaign for Equal Justice.

Budget:

As of October 31, 2019, the Section has a positive fund balance of \$9,815. In 2020, the Section will accumulate funds from membership dues and registrations for CLE luncheons and the annual dinner meeting. The Section expects to use these funds to sponsor the luncheons and annual meeting, make an annual charitable contribution to Campaign for Equal Justice, and award scholarships to the top securities law student at each of the three law schools in Oregon, including Willamette University College of Law, University of Oregon School of Law, and Lewis & Clark Law School. The Section does not anticipate the need to accumulate funds beyond those necessary to fund the activities described above.

Recommendations for 2020:

In 2020, the Section will sponsor several CLE luncheons and one annual meeting dinner. The Section will strive to select presenters and topics for the foregoing events that are relevant to Section members and other attorneys whose clients operate in the securities regulation space. The Section plans to award a scholarship to the top securities law student at each of the Oregon law schools. The Section expects to contribute to the Campaign for Equal Justice. Darlene Pasieczny represents the Section on the planning committee for the 40th Annual Northwest Securities Institute, which will be held in Seattle in 2020.

Any other comments:

As of October 31, 2019, the Section has 222 members.

Respectfully submitted: Caroline Smith (CH), Daniel Keppler (CH-Elect), Bernard Casey (Past CH), Jarell Hunt (TR), Christopher Kayser (SEC), Joe Bailey, Nancy Chafin, Ian Christy, Timothy Crippen, Brad Daniels, Darius Hartwell, Austin Highberger, Keith Ketterling, Marco Materazzi, Lisa Poplawski, Andrea Schmidt, David Wade (BC), Susan Cournoyer (BL).

Taxation Section

Activities and Accomplishments:

New Tax Lawyers Committee. This year, the New Tax Lawyers Committee (“NTLC”) was chaired by Julie Kelly, who also acted as liaison between the NTLC and the Executive Committee (“EC”). Activities organized and managed by the NTLC included a Mentor Program (in which Marc Sellers was named 2015 Mentor of the Year), a brown-bag CLE Speaker Series (which provides tax lawyers relatively new to speaking and teaching the opportunity to present on topics of interest), a Pub Talk Series (which provides networking opportunities anchored by presentations by experienced tax lawyers), a Public Service Stipend Program (which awarded a summer stipend to a J.D. student to serve in a position involving taxation), and a Law Student Outreach Program (in which panels of tax practitioners give presentations at Oregon law schools to educate law students about the practice of tax law and opportunities to volunteer with the Section).

Laws Committee: The Laws Committee (“LC”), which is chaired by Dan Eller, acts as a liaison between the Section and the taxing authorities. As part of that function, the LC meets with leaders of the Oregon Department of Revenue several times each year to discuss policy issues, including legislative and rulemaking proposals, program changes within the Department, and ways to work together to communicate with taxpayers effectively about state tax law. The LC, through volunteers from the Section, also reviews Oregon tax bills as they work their way through the legislative process. The LC's goals are to minimize confusing or ambiguous language and to alert responsible persons in the Legislature and the Department of Revenue to provisions that may have consequences not intended by the proponents. The LC also reviews draft proposals of Oregon Administrative Rules with similar goals.

Award of Merit: The EC recognizes and honors those who exemplify professionalism in the practice

of tax law in the State of Oregon with the Award of Merit. The Award is granted to the candidate whom the EC believes to best personify the Oregon State Bar's Statement of Professionalism, and best serves as a role model for other lawyers. Factors considered include reputation, conduct, leadership activities, service within the bar or the community in general, and pro bono service. Award of Merit nominations are screened by a committee chaired by Chris Heuer. In 2019, the Executive Committee granted the Award of Merit to Jan Pierce.

Monthly Luncheon CLEs: The Section hosts monthly luncheon CLEs in Portland and Salem. The Portland series was organized by Justin Hobson and Peter Evalds. The Salem series was organized locally. Both programs were very successful in 2019.

Oregon Tax Institute: Each year, the Section hosts a two-day CLE featuring well-known speakers on a variety of tax topics. This year, the Oregon Tax Institute was June 6-7, 2019 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. Speakers included national and local experts on federal and state tax topics. The planning committee was chaired by Jonathan Cavanagh.

Broadbrush Taxation CLE: In each odd-numbered year, the Section hosts a one-day CLE on a wide array of tax topics for new tax lawyers and non-tax practitioners. The program is organized by a committee chaired by Ryan Nisle and Caitlin Wong. The program was October 3, 2019 at the OSB Center.

Website: This year, we launched our updated Website on the OSB's new platform – incorporating publication of the newsletter into a blog / on demand format. The Website is updated by Sarah Lora and the newsletter is edited by Dallas Thomsen.

Budget:

Treasurer Caitline Wong submitted to the OSB a 2020 budget that was approved by the EC on October 2, 2019, the Section's final EC meeting of 2019.

Legislative Issues:

In 2019, the LC analyzed the numerous tax bills adopted by the legislature. The chair of the LC reported on those developments in a meeting of the Section's monthly lunch series and provided a version of the outline for that meeting to the bar for the Legislative Updates publication.

Matters Considered/Matters Pending:

The minutes of the four quarterly meetings reflect all matters considered during 2019.

Recommendations for 2020:

The chair recommends that the EC continue its historic pattern of CLE and other committee work as outlined above. The chair met with Section members who expressed an interest in volunteering for the Section, and recommends the EC continue to look for new volunteers.

Respectfully submitted: Heather A. Kmetz (CH), Ryan Nisle (Past CH), Jonathan Cavanagh (CH-Elect), Chris Heuer (SEC), Caitlin Wong (TR), Nikki E. Dobay, Matthew Erdman, Cynthia Fraser, Justin Hobson, Sarah Lora, Jessica McConnell, Dominic Paris, Jeff Patterson, Cathy Yao, Julia Courtney (BC), Karen D. Lee (BL).

Workers' Compensation Section**Activities and accomplishments:**

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

The Section's Annual Meeting was held on May 10, 2019 at the Salishan Spa & Golf Resort at Gleneden Beach, Oregon. The meeting was chaired by Kate Caldwell. The section elected the following officers and members-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee in 2020:

Officers: Bruce Smith, Chair; Jovanna Patrick, Chair-Elect; Allison Lesh, Secretary; Linda Conratt, Treasurer; Kate Caldwell, Past Chair.

Members-at-Large: Spencer Aldrich, Joe DiBartolomeo, Martin Fisher, Christine Frost, Phil Garrow, Colin Rockey Hackett, Heather Holt, John Klor, Vinnici Lam, John Mark Mills, Jenny Ogawa and Carrie Wiplinger

The Section sponsored two CLEs. The first was held on May 10 and 11 at Salishan. The Salishan CLE Committee members were Sally Anne Curey (Chair), Holly Ansari, Ronald Atwood, Jerry Keene, Spencer Kelly, Rob Kinney, Christopher Potter, Sydney Montanaro, and ALJ Geoffrey Wren. The keynote speaker was section member Marcia Alvey who spoke about transgender perspectives and how to be respectful and inclusive of transgender individuals in the context of the practice of law. Other presentations

included: mediation tips and trends, medical liens, mental health considerations in the legal profession, burden of proof, cardiac conditions, functions of the Board, appellate update and Medicare Set Aside agreements. The CLE was approved for the following CLE credits: 6.5 general, 1 access to justice and 1 mental health/substance abuse.

The Section also sponsored Bench/Bar Forum on October 4 at Eola Hills Wine Cellars in Rickreall. The Bench/Bar Committee members were Katie Krametbauer (Chair), Spencer Aldrich, Kevin Barrett, Craig Miller, Sydney Montanaro, ALJ Holly Somers, and Ben Stewart. The CLE featured speakers on the role of the ombudsman, post-hearing evidentiary issues, and legal ethics. The CLE was approved for the following CLE credits: 1 access to justice, 1 general and 1 ethics. 103 people attended.

The Going Forward Committee lead by chair Steve Schoenfeld with members Spencer Aldrich, Krishna Balasubramani, Rob Guarrasi, ALJ Jackie Jacobson, John Oswald, and Larry Schucht worked on events to promote the practice of workers' compensation law and to increase membership. On 9/28/19 the Section and the New Lawyers' Division sponsored a joint social.

This year's recipient of the Section's Professionalism Award was Ronald Atwood.

Budget:

The Section has maintained its budgetary goals for 2019 under Treasurer Linda Conratt's leadership. The beginning fund balance was \$15,965.00 and the projected year-end fund balance is \$16,603. Section dues (\$25) will stay the same for 2020. The pricing for Salishan CLE increased in 2019 due to rising venue and meal costs. There will be no charge for Section members to attend Bench Bar Forum in 2020. Contributions in the amount of \$500 each were made to the Campaign for Equal Justice and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association and contributions of \$300 each were made to OLIO (Opportunity for Lawyers in Oregon), Oregon Lawyer Assistance Foundation (OLAF), Oregon Veterans Legal Services, Oregon Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (OVLA), Peacemakers, Special Advocates for Vulnerable Oregonians, Inc. (SAVO), St. Andrews Legal Clinic.

Legislative issues:

The Public Affairs Department reviews all bills that are introduced each legislative session and

informs bar sections of bills of interest. The Section's Legislative and Rules committee was largely inactive in 2019 and in need of a new chair

The Access to Justice Committee developed a survey for vocational counselors to determine whether any barriers exist to access to retraining/vocational services. The Access to Justice Committee is analyzing the results of that survey and will bring those back to the Executive Committee to determine if further action should be taken by the section. The Access to Justice Committee also continued to monitor the WCB/WCD's advisory committee's meetings to address rule concepts for the translation of exhibits and important document notice.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Access to Justice Committee headed by chair Jovanna Patrick with members Camilla Thurmond (Secretary), Dale Johnson, Spencer Kelly, Michael Orlando, David Runner, Steve Schoenfeld, ALJ Bruce Smith, Sydney Montanaro, Matthew U'ren, and Carrie Wiplinger.

The Executive Committee has tabled consideration of increasing Section dues for its members. There has been discussion whether the Section's dues should be raised to cover increased costs of the CLE programs. However, at the close of 2019 the Section determined its balance was projected to be higher than the bar's recommendations and threshold to qualify for the bar's discount on per person assessments and so an additional charitable contribution not previously in the planned section budget were made in December to bring the closing balance to a recommended level.

Recommendations for 2020:

The dwindling number of attorneys practicing workers' compensation law continues to be a concern with regard to access to justice and quality of representation. Continuing to provide quality CLEs and other programs/functions to attract and maintain members should help counteract this. The number of complimentary memberships offered by the Section was higher than average as of the end of 2019, suggesting that the Section's efforts to promote the practice area to new bar members is making an impact.

The Executive Committee will continue to monitor the costs of and revenue obtained from CLEs to ensure the section's budget is accurate and its fund

balance adequate but not in excess of the bar's recommendations.

Any other comments:

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

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