

The Oregon State Bar regulates the practice of law in Oregon, and provides numerous public services to enhance the state's justice system, and to help the public understand and access the system. The following volunteer positions are available to members of the public located in Oregon. Diverse candidates are encouraged to apply.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors (BOG) is charged with the executive functions of the state Bar and directs its power to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence and the improvement of the administration of justice. It has the authority to adopt, alter, amend and repeal bylaws and to adopt new bylaws containing provisions for regulation and management of the affairs of the state Bar not inconsistent with law. The BOG meets 5 times each year and holds an additional 5 committee meetings each year. The BOG consists of 18 members, 14 lawyers and 4 public members. Terms are 4-years and public members must be residents of this state and cannot be an active or inactive member of the Oregon State Bar. Travel expenses for members of the board are reimbursed.

Disciplinary Board

The Disciplinary Board (DB) is a component of the disciplinary process. If the State Professional Responsibility Board authorizes formal charges, the DB acts as the hearing or trial panel for each contested case. Each trial panel consists of two lawyers and one public member. Terms are for three years. Trial Panels are typically held Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Travel may be required for some hearings. Mileage, meals and lodging can be reimbursed for panel members.

Fee Arbitration

Works to resolve disputes regarding attorneys' fees. Volunteer arbitrators, including two lawyer members and one public member, listen to both sides and then make a decision. Each matter can take one-half to an entire day. Terms are generally three years and members may be reappointed. There is a greater need for volunteers from Eastern and Southern Oregon.

House of Delegates

The House of Delegates (HOD) is a governance forum for the OSB and consists of one public member from each in-state region and more than 200 lawyer members from in and outside the state. The HOD debates and decides matters of bar policy during the one annual meeting held during the year. Terms are for three years and some travel expenses for attendance at the annual meeting are reimbursed. There is a greater need for volunteers from outside the Portland-metro area.

Professional Liability Fund Board of Directors

The Professional Liability Fund (PLF) Board of Directors consists of nine members, including two public members. It has the necessary authority to carry out the provisions of ORS 9.080 relative to the requirement that all active members of the Oregon State Bar in the private practice of law in Oregon carry professional liability coverage. The board also establishes the terms of the liability coverage and the defense and payment of claims under such coverage. The PLF Board meets approximately 6 times and holds an additional 5-10 telephone conferences per year. Public members serve terms of 5 years, must be residents of this state, and cannot be an active or inactive member of the Oregon State Bar. Travel expenses for members of the board are reimbursed.

State Professional Responsibility Board

The State Professional Responsibility Board (SPRB) is a 10 member board, composed of 8 resident attorneys and 2 members of the public. The board acts as the grand jury in the discipline system, making probable cause decisions on complaints. The board meets monthly and the workload is substantial. SPRB members serve 4-year terms. Reimbursement for mileage, meals, and lodging is available for SPRB members.

Committees

Committees assist the Board of Governors in its oversight and policy-making responsibilities by pursuing the assignments described below. Appointments are made by the Board of Governors in November and terms begin on January 1, 2013. Unless otherwise noted, committee members serve three-year terms.

Affirmative Action

Advise on programs designed to increase racial and ethnic minority participation in the Oregon legal profession. Meets 3rd Friday of every month at 3:00 p.m. at the Oregon State Bar, and consists of 19 members, 17 lawyers and 2 public members.

Client Security Fund (*one statewide vacancy*)

Investigate and recommend acceptance or rejection of claims for reimbursement of lawyer theft or misappropriation of client money. Meets on Saturdays, every other month, 9:30 a.m. at various locations, and consists of 13 members, 12 lawyers and 1 public member.

Judicial Administration

Advise Board of Governors on judicial selection and administration issues. Meets the 1st Thursday of every month, 3:30 p.m. at the Oregon State Bar, and consists of 15 members, 14 lawyers and 2 public members.

Legal Services (*one statewide vacancy*)

The Legal Services program is responsible for reviewing and reporting to the Board of Governors on filing fee funds. The committee meets three to four times a year at various times and locations, and consists of 9 members, 7 lawyers and 2 public members.

Minimum Continuing Legal Education

Provides input, analysis and evaluation of the program that accredits education programs for Oregon attorneys. Meets via a phone conference call, four times a year on a Friday at noon, and consists of 7 members, 6 lawyers and 1 public member.

Professionalism Commission (*one statewide vacancy*)

Promotes educational opportunities for lawyers, judges and the public. It also promotes professionalism and designs and develops creative approaches to the promotion of professionalism and equality. Meets quarterly on a Friday at the Oregon State Bar, and consists of 21 members, 5 judges and lawyers, 1 public member and several ex-officio members of the legal community.

Public Service Advisory (*one statewide vacancy*)

Provides volunteer opportunities to increase understanding and respect of the justice system by adult Oregonians. Meets quarterly on Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. at the Oregon State Bar, and consists of 13 members, 12 lawyers and 1 public member.

Quality of Life

Educate lawyers and firms about the benefits of balancing personal life and career obligations. Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. every other month at the Oregon State Bar, and consists of 10 members, 9 lawyers and 1 public member.

State Lawyers Assistance (*two statewide vacancies*)

Investigate and resolve complaints about lawyers whose conduct impairs their ability to practice law. Meets on the fourth Thursday every month, 4:00 p.m. at the Oregon State Bar, and consists of 12 members, 10 lawyers and 2 public members. Terms are for four years.

Unlawful Practice of Law

Review and evaluate complaints concerning individuals who are not licensed or otherwise permitted to practice law in Oregon. Members are assigned individual complaints to investigate and recommend action in accord with the Committee's authority. The Committee reviews member reports and makes recommendations to the Board of Governors whether to seek injunctive relief against violators. Meets second Friday of each month, 3:00 p.m. at the Oregon State Bar, and consists of 17 members, 15 lawyers and 2 public members. Terms are for four years.

Oregon State Bar Public Member Application

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Name: (First, Middle, Last)		
Residence Address: (number, street, city, state, zip)		Residence Phone:
County:		Office Phone:
Office Address: (number, street, city, state, zip)		E-Mail Address:
County:		
Office Mailing Address: (if different)		Occupation: (and job title, if any)
County:		

College and Post-Graduate Education:

School	Location	Dates	Degrees

Employment: *List major paid employment chronologically beginning with most recent experiences.*

Dates (from/to)	Employer and Position Held	City/State

Community/Volunteer Services: *List significant volunteer activities chronologically beginning with most recent services.*

Dates (from/to)	Organization and Position Held	City/State

