

# THE BAR TAB

Clackamas County Bar Association newsletter

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## Prez Sez by Alec Laidlaw

### *What a Year!*

Wow. It's been quite a year, hasn't it? What started as a "2 week pause" has turned into, at the time of this writing, a 52-week (and counting) exercise in varying levels of isolation. Some of you may have returned to some semblance of normalcy, whereas others of you may still be hunkered down in your home "office" (a.k.a. spare bedroom, dining room table, your car in the driveway so you can have a professional conversation without kid-insurrection, etc.). Others of you still may be back in your office with everyone else working remotely, like yours truly.

Some days it is nice to have peace and quiet, whereas other days, I feel like Desmond Hume living a life of isolation in "the Swan." For those fans of "Lost", you'll remember being introduced to Desmond Swan as he listened to the same record and rode the same 70's-era stationary bike every day to ward off isolation-driven madness (until the survivors of Oceanic Flight 815 found "the Swan" station and cracked open the hatch).

While generally smitten with the sound of my own voice, and the self-perceived eloquence of my written prose, I struggled to write my first "Prez Sez" article. For some guidance, I looked back to the past to see what my predecessors had to say in their maiden articles. In more normal times, the first Bar Tab of the year was filled with fond remembrances of the past year, including the many gatherings and events: the annual CCBA Holiday Dinner; the Holman Award Banquet; the golf tournament, just to name a few. Sadly, there is little of that for me to draw upon. Indeed, if one allows it, the last 12 months could probably rain all over each of our individual parades (not warm tropical rain, but dreary early-January rain).

But all is not doom and gloom! For those of you who attended the CCBA's first ever Zoom-Holiday party, you were treated to stirring acts of theater, our own bar tending tutorial (with the



## Coming Up

### Lunchtime CLE Programs!

Keep an eye out for  
dates, starting in July.

### THOSE LAZY CRAZY HAZY DAYS OF SUMMER ARE ALMOST HERE!

CCBA intends to  
host an IN PERSON  
Summer Event

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materials – including a fifth of single malt scotch!) and were able to interact with many more of our members than I expected to show. It was not the same as seeing everyone in person. But it was a whole lot better than what the past 12 months has – at times – felt like: empty and isolating.

All of us have had to adjust our practice to the new virologic realities, including Zoom depositions and WebEx hearings and trials (perhaps you've experienced the joy of being disconnected just as your client is fielding an objectionable question on cross-examination?). The ways in which we are all required to serve our clients and the community has changed (for now); the needs of our clients and the community have not changed. If anything, our clients and the community are likely in greater need today than they were 12 months ago.

Serving the increased needs of our clients and community with a proverbial hand tied behind our backs has no doubt taken a toll on all of us. My hope – and my calling to all of you – is to remember that in your dealings with each other.

Life is hard (sometimes) and unfair (always – at least according to my dad, who gets smarter and wiser every single day that I draw breath). Lawyering is not all fancy suits, Rolexes and shiny European Sedans. It can be emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually draining. Keep that in mind the next time you are about to “confer” with opposing counsel on a missed deadline. If you know or observe a friend or colleague struggling, maybe now is the time to pick up the phone and ask them, “is everything ok?” If you look in the mirror and see someone who is barely hanging on, reach out – be it another attorney, a “human” friend (i.e. a non-attorney), counselor, clergy, the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (<https://oaap.org>), or anyone with whom you keep counsel.

My hope is to have more sunshine and rainbows for you in my next Prez Sez article. In the meantime, take care of yourselves and each other whenever possible.

See you around.

# Clackamas County Circuit Court COVID-19 Update for April 27, 2021

Governor Kate Brown announced that Clackamas County will move from the “High Risk” category for COVID-19 transmission to “Extreme Risk” on April 30, 2021. Out of concern for public health and preventing the spread of COVID-19, and pursuant to Chief Justice Order 21-009, the Clackamas County Circuit Court will pause noncustodial jury trials to help reduce the number of people coming into court facilities.

In addition, Amended Chief Justice Order 20-006(7) permissively allows exhibits to be eFiled for remote hearings. Electronically filed exhibits help reduce contact between litigants and court staff, ideally reducing the spread of COVID-19. Exhibits may still be conventionally filed with the court. In either case, the court needs time to review and process these exhibits before a case can be heard.

## Pause of Noncustodial Jury Trials

Clackamas County will enter the extreme risk category beginning Friday, April 30, 2021. Therefore, the court will cease conducting noncustodial jury trials until the County’s risk level is reduced. All noncustodial jury trials will be administratively reset (i.e., attorneys need not file a motion/declaration/order to continue).

Attorneys MUST, however, contact the criminal department by email ([CLA.criminal@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:CLA.criminal@ojd.state.or.us)) or telephone (503-655-8643) before 11 AM the day prior to the CMA or trial date to get new appearance/trial dates. They must have conferred with opposing counsel to obtain an acceptable date for each side.

The criminal appearance/trial will be set out 60 days maximum from the current date.

## Exhibits

Exhibits must be filed with the court as much in advance of hearings or trials as possible.

Litigants who wish to conventionally file exhibits must take them to the Records Center in room 12 on the ground floor of the courthouse.

Litigants who wish to eFile exhibits, should file them at least three business hours before their hearing is scheduled to start (by 3 PM the business day before a 9 AM appearance, or by 9 am for a 1:30 PM appearance).

To ensure acceptance, please follow OJD’s eFiling rules for exhibits:

**For exhibits that may be converted into PDFs that do not exceed 25 MB, litigants must:**

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Select “Confidential” document security

For directions on how to link and bookmark exhibits, please click [here](#) and navigate to slides 9 and 10 from OJD’s eFiling Updates presentation.

**For audio or video exhibits or exhibits that exceed 25 MB, litigants must:**

E-mail [CLA.Records.Management@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:CLA.Records.Management@ojd.state.or.us) and ask the clerk to send a SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol) request for the exhibits. Litigants will be able to securely upload their files, and the Records Unit will ensure the exhibits are available for the Court at the time of the trial or hearing.

As more changes are determined we will notify the community, the local bar, and post changes on the court’s website: <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/clackamas/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

## **QUESTIONS?**

General questions can be referred to: [cla.court.info@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:cla.court.info@ojd.state.or.us)

*Editor’s Note: CCBA members receive regular Clackamas Circuit Court notices like this one via our listserve. Please sign up and submit your email address for inclusion: <https://clackamas-bar.org/product-category/memberships/>. All court notices can be located here: <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/clackamas/Pages/default.aspx>.*

# Remembering CCBA Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Ron Hergert

by Peter Glazer (2008 CCBA President)



It has been 10 years since the passing of legendary Clackamas County family law lawyer Ron Hergert. This article remembers Ron, and in future

Articles, we will remember other Ralph Holman Lifetime Achievement Award

Winners and CCBA members. (The Ralph Holman Lifetime Achievement Award was created in 2007 under the presidency of John Foote; a decision was made at that time to retroactive-

ly recognize as lifetime achievement award winners several bar members who had been roasted on an occasional basis in recent years.)

Ron was the middle child of five. His dad was a local truck driver and the family grew up being very musical. Four of the five children were boys and they were known to stand on the back of their dad's truck and sing. Family life centered around church, family and athletics. Ron said that he was "super lucky" to play in high school with Mel and Ray Renfro and 1962 Heisman trophy winner Terry Baker.

In addition to his legal talent, Ron was known for his continuing interest in music, particularly singing at CCBA functions. That was almost always with LeAnn Hergert, his wife of 36 years. Ron had asked LeAnn to marry him after three days. She said "yes" and Ron thought, "lucky me."

Ron graduated from Jefferson High school in 1961, from Lewis & Clark College in 1965, and from Northwestern School of Law in 1969. In college he earned 11 varsity letters (football, basketball and baseball) and was 1st Team All Conference for three years in baseball.

Ron started at Hibbard, Jacobs, Caldwell, Canning & Schultz in 1969 and

practiced there until 1987. He specialized in criminal law but did family law and personal injury defense work, the latter under the great litigators, Dale Jacobs and Fred Canning. In 1987 Ron joined Gevurtz Menashe which was re-named Gevurtz, Menashe & Hergert, and he began specializing in family law. In 1992, he left to form Hergert & Associates where he practiced (along with associates Bill Hensley and Wendy Fay) until May 31, 2011, when illness forced him to retire.

For those familiar with Rolling Hills Community Church in Tualatin, Ron and LeAnn were one of the first five families that met in a basement in 1978 that ended up becoming Rolling Hills Community Church. Ron was an ever-smiling, always professional and always collegial member of the legal community.

Ron was selected as the Ralph Holman Lifetime Achievement Award winner for 2010 (announced at the holiday party in December 2009) but his roast was delayed and by the spring of 2011 everyone knew that Ron was battling brain cancer. Instead of a roast, many of you attended a "Career Celebration" for Ron on July 28, 2011, at Oswego Lake Country Club. Over a dozen speakers described their beloved colleague, including Deanne Darling, Dave Viuhkola, Ed Latourette, Greg Oliveros, Ken Stewart, Jim Tait, Don Bowerman, and Bob Herndon. I had the pleasure of emceeding that event and, at the end, presenting Ron a bouquet of roses.

Ron died October 21, 2011, four days shy of his 68th birthday. Surviving him, in addition to LeAnn, were children Steffany Jastak, Tiffanie Epperson, Bethany Hergert and Bryce Hergert. Many of you attended a celebration of Ron's life in the jam-packed Agnes Flanagan Chapel at Lewis & Clark College on November 6, 2011.



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# #2020 Virtual Holiday Party by Angela Russo



COVID-19 obliterated the Clackamas County Bar Association's 2020 social calendar. As you all know, all of our events were cancelled and there had been very little opportunity for all our members to socialize. The CCBA board, President Baker, incoming President Laidlaw, and incoming Vice President

Wendy Van Leuven were bound and determined to have some festivities even if traditional in-person dancing could not be part of it. The Winter Cocktail Party delivered.

The festivities included but not were not limited to, SNL-type skits, dance numbers, baby pictures, and friendly witty banter. Throughout the evening, the mixologist, Molly Robison, first instructed everyone on how to make a scotch-based mixed cocktail, which packed a punch, followed up by a refreshing, palate-cleansing cocktail.

Notable moments included:

President Katie Baker and Erin Baker's Sisters Flash Dance performance

The COVID Band, yes band, Cierra Brown sported it for her court appearance in front of Judge Norby. In case you're wondering, you definitely need one hahaha.

Judge Norby's and John Wentworth's Academy Award winning acting performances in the COVID Band in the Dumpster Fire skit.

And a special credit goes to Alana Axley Irinaga for her editing and cinematography skills. She has another calling!

The holidays were brighter because of their efforts and everyone on the CCBA Board loved seeing everyone's friendly faces.

# Help Empower New Attorneys

## by Marisha Childs

In this past year, I have attended lots of meetings, webinars, CLEs, trainings and roundtable discussions virtually, as we all have. Zoom (or any of the other platforms) are not a place where people can't wait to be, rather we've come to dread the Zoom meeting, and I, too, share those feelings. These feelings coupled with my own criticisms of the practice of law often leaves me wondering why anyone would anyone choose this path? The law is filled with anger, fighting, pain and trauma: how could I in good faith recommend anyone proceed down such a treacherous path, even if "I like helping people" is your goal (because we all know that sentiment will be eaten up whole if you don't have more direction).

In April, I attended a panel discussion with students from the University of Oregon Public Law and Policy fellows and during that discussion, I heard from students who shared their stories of why they decided to attend law school. Many of the stories shared surprised me, pleasantly. One student decided to attend law school after having worked as a firefighter for years and being knowledgeable about fire science said she saw the law as a way to shape state policy about the when, where, why, and how burns are conducted. Another student decided to attend law school after having worked on a state election campaign only to see the candidate derailed by gerrymandering; that experience left a mark and prompted her to attend law school. These weren't the type of concepts I thought about before law school, but listening to these students and their motivation towards the law had me feeling fascinated, excited, and inspired.

Was this a sign from universe of a change to the constellation? Do students come to law school with more life experience providing them a clearer path of how they can use a law degree to make changes in the world around them? Or are students giving the idea of the law more consideration than in years past? Or, perhaps the motivation for attending law school has undergone a shift from a role of status to one of active warrior to save the world (because what we need are active warriors more so than passive allies)? Perhaps, when I think about the depth of my feelings when I observe this transition is a bit esoteric, but for me who often feels little hope, this brought me a moment of inspiration. I felt inspired that students are still attending law school but they are doing so with more of an unspoken personal mission drawing them towards the

law as a means to express their feeling.

How does this all tie into the LEAP program? This moment of inspiration came at a time when I was feeling particularly depressed and angry about the state of the world. So, clearly, I had to glom onto this brief moment of ‘it’s not all pain and suffering.’ In that moment, I felt hopeful for the LEAP program because, although the pandemic upended all of our lives (maybe not for those of you who believe the pandemic is all a hoax), it curtailed lots of our routines and this was a mind-expanding moment for me. I felt the world of attorneys who could be a good fit for LEAP expanded in my mind.

In January of 2020, we started with two LEAP attorneys and I am excited for the possibility with our next recruitment cycle to welcome twice or maybe even three times as many attorneys for 2021! Either way, whether we take on 4 or 6 attorneys, and whether those attorneys are interested in agriculture law or public policy, what I know is not enough attorneys possess the skill and compassion to work with clients in trauma who are victims of abuse. So, for this year, as part of the goal to ensure LEAP continues to provide CWS participants with attorneys who can offer discounted or pro bono civil legal services, we will also seek to share some tips with our attorney colleagues on how to best meet the needs of your DV client even if that is not why they are engaging you because domestic violence can touch upon on all areas of the law in some way or another.

One of the ways the LEAP program accomplishes this is with a 40-hour DV training which provides some great foundational information about trauma and how to communicate with someone in trauma. One way you could be instrumental in the growth and success of the LEAP program is by volunteering to be available to your newer colleagues who are making their own way. I hope you find something that sparks creativity and possibility in your practice of law and you, too, are inspired by that possibility. If this is the year you want to reimagine inspiration, this is the year you should re-engage with the LEAP program.

*Editor’s note: Please [contact Marisha](#) if you are interested in adding your name to a rapidly growing list of Clackamas attorneys willing to provide assistance to LEAP attorneys as they begin their practices and serve the clients of A Safe Place Family Justice Center.*



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# Law Library News

## By Jennifer Dalglish, Law Librarian

Beginning June 1, 2021, the Law Library will reopen to the general public Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We remain open, as usual, to attorneys with after-hours access cardkeys and by appointment with staff. We will resume all regular operating hours with full staff in person on July 6, 2021. Please contact me, or any staff member, if you have any questions, concerns, comments, etc. The Law Library continues to comply with State and County mandates regarding COVID safety. Masks, not only face shields, are currently required at all times when in the Law Library... even if you are the only person in the conference room.

Please join me in welcoming Alex Acevedo to the Law Library staff. Alex takes pride in his customer service skills and finding solutions to challenging assignments. He graduated from Arizona State University in 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning. He worked for a city in Arizona for over five years. He has a passion for public service and is currently enrolled with San Jose State University pursuing a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science. His goal is to continue serving as a public librarian for many years to come.



At the beginning of May, we resumed our donated books program. If you have books looking for a good, new home, please let me know. We are in the process of replacing the hard copy books that were damaged by the flood. We have received many duplicate sets of some materials. We currently have the following sets of books available to a good, new home:

**An entire set of Oregon Reports (Court of Appeals and Supreme Court)**

**An entire set of American Jurisprudence 2d**

**An entire set of American Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Forms**

**Select volumes of Oregon Laws, varying years and chapters**

**Select BarBooks, varying years and chapters**

The sets will go to those who email me with first in order received priority.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Law Library!

# 2021 Clackamas Regional Mock Trial Tournament

By Charles Steele



A year ago, Clackamas County Court House was a calamitous scene of students, coaches, families, and spectators all crammed together waiting to hear the results of the 2020 regional Mock Trial competition. The air was filled with anticipation as we awaited the results of the days competition. In every corner of the room, you heard students regaling one another with tails of their triumphant objections, or devastating answers as a witness on cross. Clackamas County had almost 15 teams representing 8 schools sign up for the regional tournament, and for the first time in over a decade the county was able to send three teams to the state tournament.

This year, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Clackamas County once again held the regional mock trial tournament. The courthouse was empty, and no results were announced at the end of the day. Only six teams signed up, representing only three schools: West Linn, Sandy, and Sherwood. The energy was electric, but in a more literal way. Although this year's tournament was different, and with any luck the last virtual tournament, the students are still growing and thriving.

I help coach West Linn Mock Trial as a witness/performance coach. Under Matt Kellogg's stewardship, West Linn has grown into a strong competitor at the regional and state level of the tournament. I love the competition; I think it is one of the few

activities that helps a student grow in all facets of academia. Their confidence, fastidiousness, elocution, and diction are all paramount to being successful in Mock Trial. Traits that when nurtured correctly develop a student into an impassioned thinker. That is what makes Mock Trial powerful, and I argue, one of the best activities for a school to have. It is also cheap when compared to other activities like Football or Volleyball. Though, in fairness, no one is selling tickets to Mock Trial tournaments, and you can't eat in the courtroom, so concession sales are bad. Still, I argue it is the best show in town!

The digital format has made for a unique tournament. In years past, and I am biased, it is immediately apparent who the best team in the room is. Usually by opening statements, you can make an educated guess as to which team is likely to prevail. Not so in the virtual format. In the most interesting way, the virtual format really levels the playing field. In years past, the well of a courtroom that would usually dwarf these scholars was replaced with bedroom posters and, in one instance, twinkle Christmas lights. The witness stand, which generally intimidates the students when they sit next to the judge, is replaced by a witness who was too far or too close to the camera. For the first time since I started coaching Mock Trial, it felt true to what lawyers are dealing with every day.

When you are in the actual courtroom there is a great divide between the top tier schools and the newer schools to the tournament. Primarily it is in the polish and performance, who's memorized, who understands objections, who remembers their witness's name. Here though, you had to ignore the polish and listen to the content. In some instances, you had witnesses and lawyers standing so far away from their cameras or microphones that you couldn't make out what they were saying. In others, they were so close that it felt like they were screaming at you across the computer screen. Which sound like performance issues, but you can't blame the kids for bad equipment. If all a student has is a chrome book with bad audio, that's not the kid's fault. So, you focus your eyes and strain your ears to watch and listen to the student. Content was king, and teams prevailed based on how they manipulated the content, not necessarily, how well they presented it.

Which as primarily a performance coach, is, what it is.

Practices leading up to the competition made even the most stalwart coaches nervous. In the middle of a direct a cat would jump into the witness's lap, or a dog would come barging into the room. Which naturally would necessitate a comment from every student in the virtual room. As competition grew closer, there was a growing sense of

anxiety that what was true in practice would be true in the tournament. We felt as coaches that it was inevitable that a parent would come in with a plate of food and argue with the child about their need to eat. Or a student would neglect to mute their microphone and start yelling at a sibling that they are “in the middle of a round!” It was anyone’s guess what would happen when we went live.

This year was a battle between 6 teams across three schools. West Linn returned with three teams under head coach Matt Kellogg, Sandy High School under veteran coach Chris Meyers brought two, and Sherwood under up-and-coming head coach Josh Pratt brought one team. The tournament maintained its traditional format of three rounds, although this tournament was split across two days.

The day arrived and we all joined the virtual waiting room, waiting on room assignments and scoring judges to join. One element that is true, no matter if the tournament is virtual or live, the tournament will not start on time. If the call time was 5:00 pm, you have easily got until 5:20 before anything’s going to happen. Which was a comfort to have at least one element from years past remain consistent.

For all the nervous build-up about what this might look like, the competition was fierce and honestly a lot of fun to watch. Maybe because I could sip coffee, and eat snacks while watching, maybe because it was odd to see so many people in suits standing in their parents living rooms. Regrettably, no one showed up to trial with a cat filter on that couldn’t be turned off. I believe it was fun to watch because the students absolutely crushed this competition. There were no surprise quadrupeds, no familial members, no microphones were hot, not even the accidental left on camera. They were focused, concise, and polished. They did their absolute best despite the circumstances. These competitors were determined to put it all on the line and not make excuses for equipment or conditions. What was inspiring was while watching these scholars put everything they had into the competition, it showed me that this year hasn’t been a waste. As I reflect on how the business world is moving to remote platforms, I can’t help but think that this experience is placing these students years ahead of their peers.

I started this season thinking about how disadvantaged the students were going to be. How crucial in person coaching was for their success, and how hard it was going to be for them to succeed. In truth, it was all those things, however, it was also mostly disadvantageous to me. The students were ready to learn, they came ready to work, their drive for success is unquestioned. None of them would tell you honestly that video coaching is their preference, but not one of them would say they used it as an excuse.

The competition ended on a Thursday and the advancing teams were withheld. Because every region is remote the powers that be determined that it would make more sense to announce all state qualifying teams at once. Clackamas was the first county to compete, and the last county competes at the end of February. Which meant every county, save for Clackamas, had an extra week to two weeks of practice before their competition. The 6 pioneering teams of the virtual format had to wait for the results of the competition. Though the snow and ice storm did help many of us focus on more pressing matters, if only temporarily.

It was a great competition, even if it was a small group of teams that went for it. Sherwood brought a team for the first time since I've been a coach, and I hope they had a good experience. There is a lot of talent at Sherwood High and I, for one, hope they come back next year. Mr. Pratt is an excellent coach and teacher. Sandy, too, is a perennial powerhouse under coach Meyers. He has worked hard to advocate for the activity and even started a small invitational at his school. West Linn proved to be too much for the region this year and took both state spots, but it should not go unmentioned that Mr. Kellogg (who is one of the most tenured coaches in the state) has been fighting for this activity and its growth since long before he won his first state title in 2007. The schools that came to play this year are the real deal, and I was blown away by every student who suited up, logged on, and braved this tournament.

There are a lot of schools in our area that do not have teams, usually because no one is willing to coach. If there are lawyers looking for a way to give back, pick up a mock trial team. If this tournament has taught me anything, it is that these students are resilient, and they make it worthwhile.

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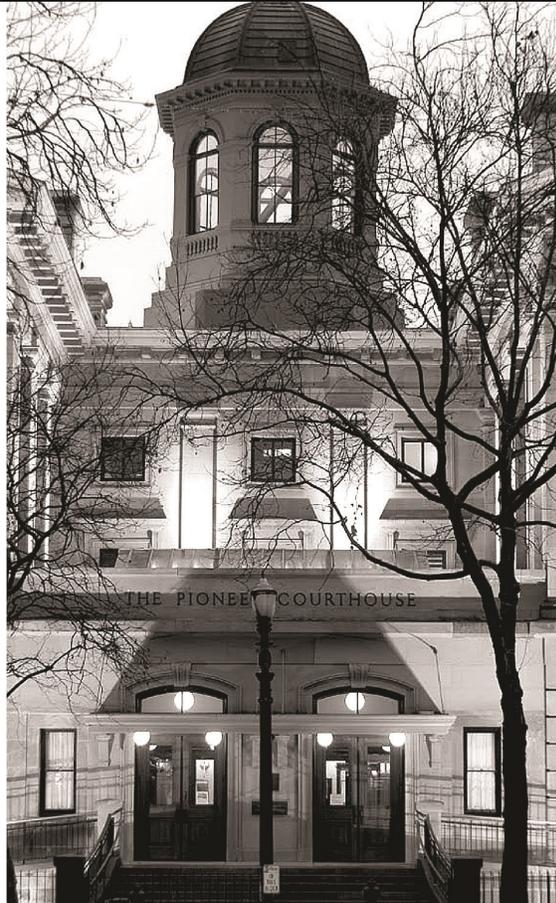
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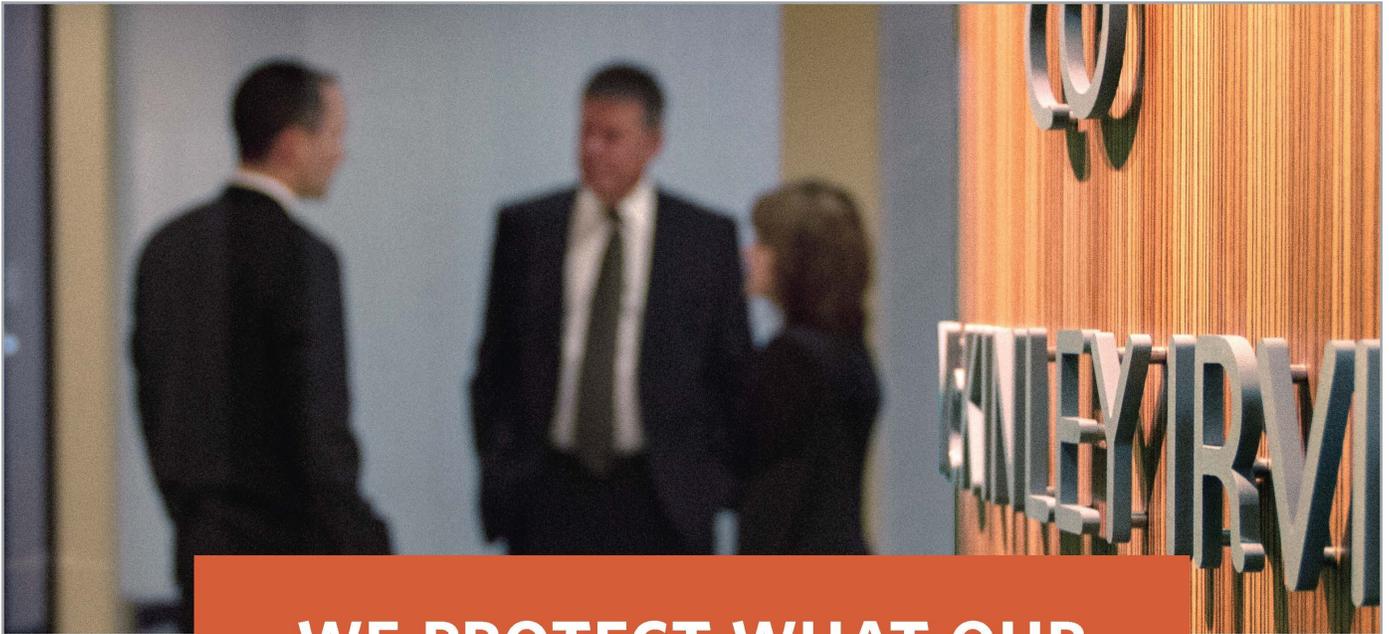
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## Gift of Historic Oregon Book Completes Clackamas Circuit Court Set

While hardbound books may not be taking center stage as they once were, the ceremonial courtroom in the Clackamas County Courthouse keeps alive the tradition of judges and lawyers being able to look up cases in volumes of hardbound books in print. But Clackamas County has long had a problem: Volume 1 of the Oregon Reports, containing Oregon Supreme Court cases up to 1862, was missing.

The court's set of Oregon Reports is now complete thanks to a gift from Lake Oswego lawyer Peter Glazer, who presented Volume 1 to Clackamas County Circuit Judge Tom Rastetter on March 16, 2021.

Glazer was a Deputy District Attorney for Clackamas County from 1978 to 1982 when he opened a private practice in Lake Oswego. He has been a civil trial lawyer, handling primarily personal injury and dissolution of marriage cases, for 39 years. Judge Rastetter was appointed to the bench in 2003.

"I am pleased to present this book to the Clackamas County Courthouse where I started as a baby lawyer more than 42 years ago," said Glazer.

"On behalf of Clackamas County Circuit Court, and having the privilege to be the judge currently sitting in the ceremonial courtroom -- which at one time was the only courtroom in the courthouse -- I am delighted to accept Volume 1 of Oregon Reports. This recognizes the importance of books to the practice of law over the centuries," said Judge Rastetter.

# Ads and Announcements

## City of Oregon City Request for Indigent Defense Attorney for Municipal Court

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Oregon City will receive proposals for an independent contract for an Indigent Defense Attorney opening until 4:30 pm on Friday, May 21, 2021. The attorney must be a member of the Oregon State Bar. The city contract will end July 1, 2023. It may be renewed for an additional period of two-years with the mutual written agreement between the parties. The contract would start July 1, 2021 unless otherwise agreed.

<http://bids.orcity.org>

## City of Oregon City Request for Municipal Court Judge

Oregon City is seeking an experienced and qualified attorney to perform the function of Municipal Court Judge. The Municipal Court Judge is the judicial officer for the city, presides over the Oregon City Municipal Court and is responsible for maintaining court procedures.

The Judge is appointed by the City Commission per The Charter of Oregon City Chapter V - Section 22.

The Municipal Court Judge's key function is to adjudicate violations of the Oregon Vehicle Code, misdemeanor crimes, and City Ordinances and to oversee court proceedings. The Judge is also responsible for applying relevant Supreme Court rules, State statutes, City ordinances, and case law when presiding over bench and jury trials, pre-trial conferences, arraignments, motions and other hearings. Municipal Court Judges are responsible for imposing sentences commensurate to offenses and within the parameters allowed by law. The Judge, in addition, works with other pro-tem judges and members of the greater Court team to establish the General Orders of the Court, to create and operate new programs for community enhancement, and to plan for the future evolution of the Court and its programs.

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