

## New MBA Board Directors New directors for the three-year terms which begin June 1 are:

**Steve Larson** is a shareholder at Stoll Berne. He practices in the areas of class actions and other complex litigation. He most recently served on the MBA Judicial Screening Committee. Steve's past volunteer contributions to the MBA include terms on the CLE Committee, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the VLP Golf Committee. He was on the OSB Board of Governors from 2009-12, and also served on the following OSB Section Executive Committees: Litigation, Business Litigation, Securities Regulation. Steve also served on the Uniform Trial Court Rules Committee and the Oregon Practice and Procedure Committee. Steve is a Bud Clark Commons Volunteer Cook and is on the Advisory Board of the Campaign for Equal Justice.



Steve graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1986 and was admitted to the Oregon State Bar that year.

**Sarah Radcliffe**, at Disability Rights Oregon, defends the civil and human rights of people with mental illness who are incarcerated or institutionalized. Previously, she practiced in a variety of poverty law areas at Legal Aid Services of Oregon and the Oregon Law Center. Her service with the MBA includes chairing the Professionalism Committee. She was also on the joint MBA/LASO Pro Bono Committee. She chaired the OSB Civil Rights Section Executive Committee. She volunteers with her children's school and extracurricular activities.



Sarah graduated from the City University of New York in 2006 and was admitted to the Oregon State Bar the same year.

**Ulanda Watkins**, staff counsel Managing Attorney at the Portland office of GEICO, practices in the area of insurance defense litigation. Her office is responsible for the defense of first- and third-party cases, UIM, and UM in this region. Ulanda's MBA service includes a term on the Professionalism and Equality & Diversity committees. She has also volunteered for the OSB in the following capacities: the Access to Justice and Affirmative Action committees; Disciplinary Board member; Litigation Section; and the New Lawyer Mentoring Program. She has served on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. Ulanda is a cofounder and member of the Oregon Chapter of the National Bar Association, and is a member of Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. She was a founding board member for the Avel Gordly Center for Healing.



Ulanda graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 1996, and was admitted to the Oregon State Bar the same year. She was admitted to practice in the US District Court for the District of Oregon in 2004 and the Washington State Bar in 2013.

**Elizabeth Welch**, Attorney at Law, practices in the area of plaintiffs' personal injury. Elizabeth has served on the MBA Membership Committee, and the Membership Task Force. She was a delegate to the Oregon State Bar House of Delegates and served on the bar's Client Security Fund Committee. Elizabeth was also on the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association Board of Directors and was president of Peninsula PTA.



Elizabeth graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2004 and was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 2006.

Also continuing on the board are: President **Eric Dahlin**, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Treasurer **Andrew Schpak**, Barran Liebman LLP; Secretary **Thomas Sand**, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP; Past President **Bob Stinger**, Harrang Long Gary Rudnick PC; **Lane Borg**, Metro Public Defender Inc.; **Todd Cleek**, Cleek Law Office LLC; **Rima Ghandour**, Ghandour Law LLC; **Amber Hollister**, Oregon State Bar; **Lissa Kaufman**, Lissa Kaufman Law; and **Marshal Spector**, Gevurtz Menashe. New to the board this year is MBA Young Lawyers Section President **Tyler Volm**, Barran Liebman LLP.

## Bonnie Richardson Receives 2016 MBA Professionalism Award

**Bonnie Richardson**, co-founder and managing partner of Folawn Alterman & Richardson LLP will receive the 2016 MBA Professionalism Award on May 19 at the MBA Annual Meeting and Dinner.

The MBA Professionalism Award, the organization's highest honor, recognizes candidates who not simply meet but exemplify the standards set forth in the MBA Professionalism Statement:

*Professionalism goes beyond the observance of the legal profession's ethical rules and serves the best interests of clients and the public in general; it fosters respect and trust among lawyers and the public, promotes the efficient resolution of disputes, and makes the practice of law more enjoyable and satisfying.*

Bonnie's nomination for the Professionalism Award was supported by numerous attorneys and judges. Here are a few of the things Bonnie's nominators and supporters said about her:

- "Bonnie, literally, advances professionalism in the work she does. Her legal malpractice work is steeped in the rules and standards of our profession, shining light on misconduct and poor practices, showing paths of best behavior. She leads in advocacy and leads by example. I have seen Bonnie in court. Her demeanor,

presence, and presentation - in contentious, at times emotional conflicts - epitomize how we want attorneys to act and appear before judges, each other, and the public. She is exemplary in her preparation and lawyering, but also unflappable, respectful, courteous in her demeanor."

- "She is an aggressive advocate for her clients, but always extends courtesy to opposing counsel and courthouse staff. Additionally, Bonnie puts tremendous effort into making sure the next generation of Oregon trial attorneys honor the standards of professionalism and civility that were in place when she started practicing."
- "...It is as if the Oregon Bench and Bar Commission's 'Commitment to Professionalism...' was written to describe Bonnie Richardson. It is imperative that all lawyers, new and old, have examples of successful lawyers who achieved their success by maintaining a steadfast commitment to the highest ideals expressed in that statement. Ms. Richardson's career provides just such an example."

Bonnie has been practicing law for over 18 years with an exclusive focus on trial work. She is the immediate past president of the Multnomah Bar Foundation. Bonnie is also an active member of the Oregon



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Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and a founding member of the Oregon Judicial Diversity Coalition.

Bonnie generously gives her time to improve both the bar and our community. Annually, she devotes over 100 pro bono hours representing clients assigned by the Oregon Law Center. She is a model of intersectionality in the Oregon bar, working to build coalitions among the ethnic, racial and LGBTQ legal communities. She spearheaded a multi-year effort to amend the Rules of Professional Conduct to add a prohibition against harassment and intimidation by attorneys based on defined protected statuses, resulting in the adoption of RPC 8.4(a)(7). Bonnie is praised for her mentorship of newer lawyers and law students. She fosters connections and builds relationships. In short, Bonnie embodies the ideals of professionalism.

Congratulations to Bonnie Richardson, a most worthy recipient of the 2016 MBA Professionalism Award.

## Judge Patrick Henry Multnomah County Circuit Court

by William Larkins  
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Although Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Patrick Henry did not give serious consideration to becoming a judge until fairly recently, his passion for social justice and many years of practicing law in public service might be viewed as foreshadowing his appointment to the bench by Governor Kate Brown last fall. On a wall in his chambers, Judge Henry has hung the Bachelor of Laws diploma his grandfather earned at DePaul University, but Judge Henry is the first in his family to get a J.D. and become a practicing attorney. His motivation came from working with vulnerable people on society's margins.

After graduating from the University of Virginia, Judge Henry spent a year of service in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. His service placement was a drop-in center/soup kitchen for street people in Tacoma. He liked the work and the people. After his volunteer year ended, he stayed on as assistant director of the center for two years. He found that he was often acting as an advocate, for example contacting state and local agencies to arrange

for services for the drop-in center's clients. But he thought his capacity to advocate for the underserved in the community was limited and could be enhanced were he to get a law degree. That motivated Judge Henry to enroll in law school at the University of Notre Dame, from which he graduated in 1993.

Judge Henry then joined Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC as an associate. He learned the ropes of civil litigation from attorneys he liked and admired. The firm had an excellent mentoring system for new attorneys; he describes his experience at the firm as "wonderful." But his mentors and friends in the firm, detecting an interest in government and public service, were supportive when, after six-plus years in the firm, he applied for an attorney position with Multnomah County in 1999.

At the county, Judge Henry worked in a dual capacity. He was general counsel for the Department of County Human Services, which includes programs such as Aging and Disability Services, and Mental Health, and programs serving



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veterans and people dealing with drug addiction. But he also got into court to litigate a range of matters including, for example, tort claims and guardianships. Working for the county offered him the opportunity to look at cases from a multidisciplinary perspective, and to try to solve problems for individuals by coordinating services available through the county. Asked to give an example of his most memorable or meaningful work at the county, Judge Henry cited his involvement with the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. In that work, representatives of various agencies and service providers, such as healthcare providers, law enforcement, the district attorney, and nonprofits, would look at how the overall system had functioned or perhaps had fallen short in protecting a

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