

Statewide Initiatives & Referenda Ballot Title Challenges

Stoll Berne's Steve Berman frequently represents progressive groups and individuals before the Oregon Supreme Court in challenges to ballot titles issued for statewide initiatives and referenda. Recent decisions include: *Unger v. Rosenblum*, 362 Or 210 (December 2017), where the court agreed with Berman's argument that the ballot title proceeding was not properly before it; *Parris v. Rosenblum*, 362 Or 96 (October 2017), where Berman appeared in support of a state law to provide funding for Medicaid recipients, and the court agreed with Berman that the ballot title did not need to refer to funding assessments as "taxes"; *Conroy v. Rosenblum*, 359 Or 601 (May 2016), where the court accepted Berman's argument that the ballot title for an anti-union initiative was vague and misleading; *Blosser v. Rosenblum*, 358 Or 295 (Nov 2015), where the court agreed with Berman's argument that the ballot title for an anti-environmental initiative did not adequately disclose the effects of the measure.