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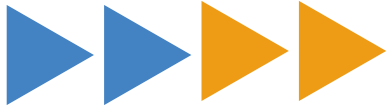
The Oregon Judicial Department, Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division and State Family Law Advisory Committee are pleased to announce the ninth Family Law Conference

**JUNE 1 & 2
2023**

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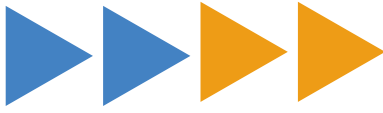


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THURSDAY JUNE 1, 2023

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	REGISTRATION <i>Continental Breakfast</i>		
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	OPENING AND WELCOME Hon. Karrie McIntyre		
KEYNOTE 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	COMMUNICATING AND RELATING MORE EFFECTIVELY ACROSS POVERTY BARRIERS Dr. Donna Beegle		
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break		
WORKSHOP ROOMS	Willamette B & C- Main Room	Croisan B & C	Willamette A
MORNING WORKSHOPS 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	BLUEPRINTS FOR CHANGE: FROM KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION Dr. Donna Beegle	PARENTING PLAN EVALUATIONS: UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AFCC'S 2006 MODEL STANDARDS AND THE 2022 GUIDELINES	OREGON FAMILY LAW LEGAL UPDATES
LUNCH PLENARY 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	OJD'S COMMITMENT TO EDI AND WHY IT MATTERS Chief Justice Meagan Flynn presentation of SFLAC Award		
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EARLY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM	FACILITATOR WORKSHOP	PARENTING TIME TOOLS FOR FAMILIES AND FAMILY LAW PROFESSIONALS	LEGAL SERVICES MODELS: LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON, ST ANDREW LEGAL CLINIC, AND THE COMMONS LAW CENTER
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Break		
PLENARY 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM	FAMILY COURT OUTCOMES IN CASES INVOLVING ABUSE AND ALIENATION ALLEGATIONS Professor Joan S. Meier, Esq.		
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Break		
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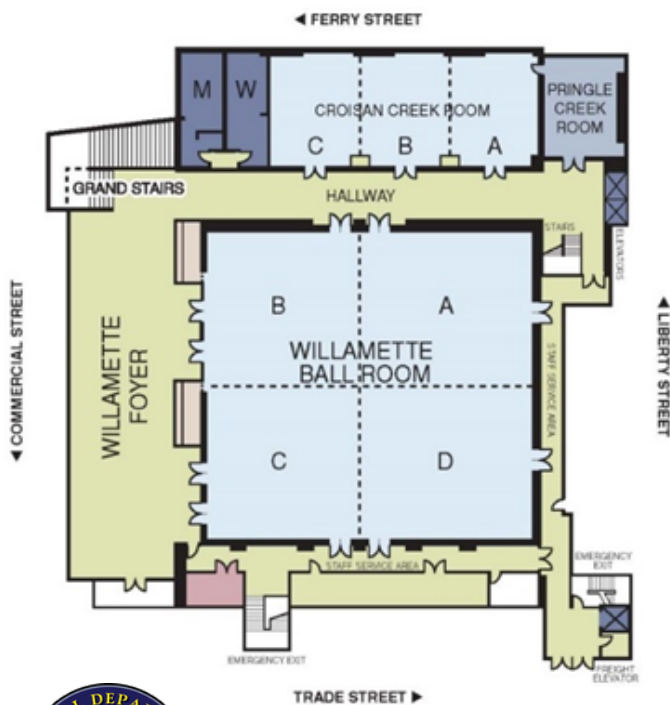
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FRIDAY JUNE 2, 2023

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	REGISTRATION <i>Continental Breakfast</i>		
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	WELCOME & SFLAC UPDATE Hon. Karrie McIntyre		
PLENARY 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	BRAINS & BODIES: YOUTH AND FAMILIES		
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break		
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MORNING WORKSHOPS 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	CHILD SUPPORT	PROTECTING CHILDREN WHILE ENSURING ACCESS: CRAFTING PARENTING PLANS THAT PROTECT CHILDREN	FROM PAIN TO PURPOSE: LESSONS FROM DIRECTLY IMPACTED LEADERS
NETWORKING 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	CLOSING MATERIALS AND NETWORKING <i>lunch on own</i>		

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Conference Website

All materials, speaker bios, and other information will be available on the conference website one week prior to the conference:

<https://www.courts.oregon.gov/SFLACFLC>

CLE Attendance Reporting

In order to receive credit hours for attendance, please keep track of your own attendance at each session.

We will share the CLE information for self reporting by email after the conference.

All sessions will be recorded and available to registrants after the conference on the conference website.



KEYNOTE

9:00 AM-10:15 AM

COMMUNICATING AND RELATING MORE EFFECTIVELY ACROSS POVERTY BARRIERS

SPEAKER: DR. DONNA BEEGLE

Research has shown that people who live in the crisis of poverty, much like Donna, enter school with a much different exposure to vocabulary and experiences than people from middle-class. In this session, Dr. Beegle uses activities and breakouts to engage leaders and faculty in understanding their own communication and relationship styles and how the messages sent in an organization in writing or verbally are often not the messages received. Participants gain insights into differences in communicating and relating more effectively across social class barriers. This session explores the impact of life experiences on communication styles and provides a framework for improving an organizations communication and relationships with people who live in the war zone of poverty.

MORNING

WORKSHOPS

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

BLUEPRINTS FOR CHANGE: FROM KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION

SPEAKER: DR. DONNA BEEGLE

This session will provide “Blueprints for Change”—tools that can empower leaders to address systemic barriers. Each organization and community has its own strengths and assets to call upon for this system-changing work. Research on organizational development has shown that sustainable change must come from within and must be grounded in the community's vision and leadership capacity. There is no silver bullet or magic quick-fix to make an organization responsive and successful in addressing poverty barriers to success. Rather, it is a careful, well thought-out evolutionary process that can lead your organization towards poverty competencies critical to improving outcomes.

In this interactive session, you will:

- Identify where you and your organization are in terms of poverty competency.
- Find out where to begin to effect systemic change to improve how you work with people from poverty backgrounds.
- Develop an action plan to achieve measured results—thereby, effecting systemic change and poverty reduction

PARENTING PLAN EVALUATIONS: UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AFCC'S 2006 MODEL STANDARDS AND THE 2022 GUIDELINES

SPEAKERS: LONNY WEBB, MSW, LCSW, AND LORI BONNEVIER, MSW, LCSW

In this session, attendees will receive clear, specific, and detailed guidance to competently and responsibly conduct parenting plan evaluations. This is critical to improving the lives of Oregon's children who are embroiled in a contentious divorce. Attendees will learn the differences between AFCC's 2006 Model Standards for the Practice of Child Custody Evaluation and the 2022 guidelines for parenting plan evaluations in Family Law Cases.

MORNING

WORKSHOPS CONT.
10:30 AM-12:00 PM

LEGAL UPDATES, LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, CASELAW, RULES

SPEAKERS: AMY FASSLER, PATRICIA ARJUN, CYNTHIA DOMINGO-FORASTE, AND HON. MAUREEN MCKNIGHT

Amy Fassler of Schulte, Anderson, Downes, Aronson & Bittner, PC and Patricia Arjun of DBMA Family Law Group PC will provide an in-depth discussion of recent Oregon Court of Appeals cases affecting domestic relations jurisprudence and Oregon family law practice including spousal support and property issues.

Cynthia Domingo-Foraste, Senior Assistant General Counsel, from OJD's Office of General Counsel, will present an update of family law affected by forthcoming changes from the 2023 legislation session.

Judge Maureen McKnight will discuss a recent court of appeals ruling in a FAPA case involving a UCCJEA determination and UCCJEA considerations going forward.

LUNCH

PLENARY

12:00 PM-1:15 PM

OJD'S COMMITMENT TO EDI AND WHY IT MATTERS PRESENTATION OF SFLAC AWARD

SPEAKERS: CHIEF JUSTICE MEAGAN FLYNN AND VALERIE COLAS

Learn about OJD's effort to develop and implement a comprehensive, strategic and programmatic vision that advances and promotes equity, diversity, inclusion, and access to justice for all. Explore how that effort impacts participants in domestic relation cases and the efforts underway to engage marginalized and underserved communities.

EARLY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:15 PM-2:45 PM

FACILITATOR WORKSHOP

SPEAKERS: TEALA SUNDERMAN, COLLEEN CARTER-COX, CHRISTINE HILL, HANNAH MARCHESE, HOLLY RUDOLPH, AND CARRIE VIGUE

The session will provide facilitators a brief presentation from a panel of specialists in facilitation and OJD forms, discussing common form difficulties. The presenters will then lead a hands-on individualized/small group work session to practice difficult problems from real-life examples. Facilitators will be asked to bring actual scenarios encountered and sample forms from cases that were complicated to understand and assist litigants. Attendees will acquire skills and knowledge to effectively work with self-represented litigants in complicated areas of available OJD forms; diagnose and evaluate problem areas in forms; and develop new approaches for facilitation.

**EARLY AFTERNOON
WORKSHOPS CONT.**
1:15 PM-2:45 PM

PARENTING TIME TOOLS FOR FAMILIES AND FAMILY LAW PROFESSIONALS

SPEAKERS: HON. AMY HOLMES HEHN, DR. WENDY BOURG, JUDITH SWINNEY, AND KATHLEEN ZUMPANO

A review of the resources created by the Parental Involvement and Outreach Subcommittee (PIOS) designed to help parents, children and family law practitioners, including: Birth to Three, Supervised Parenting Time Guidelines, Resist/Refuse Bench Guide, and Parent Child Contact Problems: Parent Guide.

LEGAL SERVICES MODELS: LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON, ST ANDREWS LEGAL CLINIC, THE COMMONS LAW CENTER

SPEAKERS: MAXINE TUAN, EMILY BROWN-SITNICK, AND CHRISTINE ZENTHOEFER

Come learn about the various legal services models used by three organizations, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, St. Andrew Legal Clinic, and The Commons Law Center, to decrease the gap in access to our justice system. The speakers will discuss each organization's various avenues to obtain legal services, costs for legal services, and types of cases the organization works on.

PLENARY

3:00 PM-4:15 PM

FAMILY COURT OUTCOMES IN CASES INVOLVING ABUSE AND ALIENATION ALLEGATIONS

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR JOAN S. MEIER, ESQ.

Professor Meier will report on the 5-year, federally-funded national empirical study, *Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Parental Alienation and Abuse Allegations*. This team effort was launched to obtain objective data about how family courts respond to women and children reporting abuse. The substantial media response to the findings, e.g., <https://centerforjudicialexcellence.org/2019/07/31/a-gendered-trap-when-mothers-allege-child-abuse-by-fathers-the-mothers-often-lose-custody-study-shows/>, has confirmed that neutral empirical data is critical in educating the public and lawmakers about this important issue. Findings address (i) how often courts accept or reject women's and children's reports of abuse by a father, and how often they reverse custody; (ii) how alienation crossclaims against mothers affect these rates; (ii) some interesting findings about gender; and (iv) outcomes in cases with court-appointed neutral evaluators or Guardians Ad Litem. There will be time built into the session for small group and wider discussion.

**LATE AFTERNOON
WORKSHOPS**

4:30 PM-5:15 PM

ATTORNEYS AND MEDIATION: HOW ATTORNEYS CAN SUPPORT THEIR CLIENTS DURING COURT-CONNECTED MEDIATION

SPEAKERS: AJ WAHL AND KRISTEN JOCUMS

In this 45-minute workshop, attendees will learn from a family law attorney and mediator how attorneys can best prepare and support their clients for mediation, how mediation can benefit clients, and how attorneys and mediators should communicate. The presenters will review and provide the new guide: "How Attorneys Can Support Their Clients During Mediation."

**LATE AFTERNOON
WORKSHOPS CONT.**
4:30 PM-5:15 PM

WHAT CAN DATA DO FOR YOU?

SPEAKERS: LINDA HUKARI, YOUSEF ALLOUZI, AND JOSEPH MUIRHEAD

A review of current data collection and dashboards. With a discussion of uses, impacts, improvements and trends.

PARAPROFESSIONAL LICENSING IN FAMILY LAW

SPEAKER: HON. KIRSTEN THOMPSON

Brief review of the history of the idea of paralegal licensure; necessary training and experience for license applicants; nature of practice, including limits of practice; next steps for implementation of program.

**NETWORKING
RECEPTION**

5:15 PM-6:15 PM

The SFLAC and Conference Planning Committee invite you to attend a networking session in the foyer. The Oregon Judicial Department will offer appetizers and a cash bar will be available for purchase of beer and wine. Please join us for an opportunity to meet with your family law colleagues and conference presenters, and continue to build those meaningful relationships with others around the state passionate about family law.

BRAINS & BODIES: YOUTH AND FAMILIES

SPEAKERS: DR. ARISSA WALBERG, DR. RAEGAN SMITH, DR. LYNNEA LINDSEY, AND PAT NORBERG, M.S., N.C.C.

Most often the first place sought for assistance for stress and challenges for young people, and their families, is the healthcare system. In healthcare it is often said “There is no wrong door,” care is provided at every place a person and family present. This panel provides a current view into the experiences of caring for our youth and family spanning from daily setting of primary care, the urgent site of emergency departments, and the longer term needs for in-depth assessment and treatment. All members of the panel have experience with the intersection of mental health and the legal system.

**MORNING
WORKSHOPS**

10:15 AM-11:45 AM

CHILD SUPPORT

SPEAKERS: KATE COOPER RICHARDSON, MIKE RITCHEY, DAWN MARQUARDT, CHRISTINE HILL, AND AMBER FREITAS

A panel of DOJ and OJD specialists will provide updates in child support law and procedure including challenging areas such as determining income, conflicting orders, and parentage. There will also be information presented on the overall services provided by the DOJ's Oregon Child Support Program and the current status of child support matters within OJD.

PROTECTING CHILDREN WHILE ENSURING ACCESS: CRAFTING PARENTING PLANS THAT PROTECT CHILDREN

SPEAKERS: HON. MAUREEN MCKNIGHT, TRENA KLOHE, KSEN PALLEGEDARA MURRY, AND LAURIE ZWINGLI

Judges, attorneys, and mediators in family law cases all have an interest in developing parenting plans that provide optimal support and protection for children and teens. But they often struggle to identify what relief is best suited for a given child's or family's support and safety needs. Certain types of provisions are helpful when a parent has a substance use disorder, untreated mental health condition, or a history of perpetrating abuse. Others are intended to support a child with a disability, a child who may be struggling with their own mental health, or a child who is struggling to have their identity supported by a parent. Come and learn about the legal framework that applies to parenting plans and best practices in crafting supportive and safety-focused relief. The panel includes a senior judge, an attorney for children, and two attorneys who have a history of representing parents in family law matters that benefit from these important provisions.

FROM PAIN TO PURPOSE: LESSONS FROM DIRECTLY IMPACTED LEADERS

SPEAKERS: JESSICA KATZ, RUTH ANTHONY, HAYLEE LORENZO, SOPHIA MONTOYA, SELENE LASKY, MARCO BREWER, ASHLEY DORETY, KENDRA STIDHEM, VANESA SHERROD

There are countless unintended consequences for children of Incarcerated Mothers. Join us to learn more about the impetus for and passage of SB 241 creating a Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents from formerly incarcerated women and their children who are Alumnae of the Family Preservation Project and who were instrumental in its passage, as well as their on-going efforts around implementation to safeguard 70,000 impacted children in Oregon.

KEYNOTE

and Morning Workshop



COMMUNICATING AND RELATING MORE EFFECTIVELY ACROSS POVERTY BARRIERS 9AM

BLUEPRINTS FOR CHANGE: FROM KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION 10:30 AM

Dr. Donna M. Beegle inspires and educates individuals, organizations, politicians, and entire communities with proven models to better outcomes for people in poverty. Born into a migrant-labor family and married at 15, Dr. Beegle is the only member of her family who has not been incarcerated. By age 25, she earned her GED and then, within 10 years, received her doctorate in Educational Leadership. She is an authentic voice from poverty that speaks, writes, and trains across the nation to break the iron cage of poverty for others through services provided by her company, Communication Across Barriers (CAB). Since 1989, she has traveled throughout hundreds of cities in all 50 states and four countries to assist professionals with proven strategies for breaking poverty barriers. State agencies, politicians, and other organizations have partnered with her to implement community-wide approaches to improving outcomes for citizens in poverty.

Dr. Beegle's inspiring story of moving from 28 years of homelessness to achieving a doctorate and her groundbreaking work assisting people to move out and stay out of poverty has been featured on the internet, in newspapers, and on television around the nation. She is presently completing a PBS documentary with award-winning producer, George Rivera, and was featured on CNN in The Other America segment. Dr. Beegle has received numerous awards (i.e. National Speaker of the year for the New Mexico Bar Foundation and the Oregon Ethics in Business award). In 2013, Dr. Beegle was named Woman of Influence by the Portland Business Journal and received the Orchid Award which honors women who are compelling, affect change, and represent their positions with strength, wisdom, and grace. Just recently, Dr. Beegle was named a prestigious Woodrow Wilson Princeton Fellow through their Office of Governmental Relations.

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SPEAKERS: LONNY WEBB, MSW, LCSW, AND LORI BONNEVIER, MSW, LCSW

Lonny Webb, MSW, LCSW is a specialist in forensic and clinical social work. For over 30 years, Lonny has advised, evaluated, and treated some of the most difficult cases in the NW. Lonny has applied the scientist-practitioner model which urges clinicians to allow empirical research to influence their applied practice; while simultaneously, allowing their experiences during applied practice to shape their future research questions. Since 2007, Lonny has been in private practice and now performs parenting plan evaluations as well as expert testimony in his areas of expertise: memory, trauma, child development, risk, and mental illness.

Lori A. Bonnevier, MSW, LCSW is a licensed clinical social worker. She graduated from PSU with a master's degree in social work, holds undergraduate degrees in the disciplines of psychology and human services, and an associate's degree in child development. For more than two decades Lori has practiced primarily as a child custody and parenting time evaluator and regularly provides expert witness testimony. Additional roles include child and family therapist, mediator, parent coordinator, and best interest consultant/coach. Lori penned the #1 Bestselling Book: *You Don't have to Crush Your Ex* and co-authored the Internationally #1 Bestselling Book: *You Cannot Make This St*ry Up*.

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Amy Fassler is a partner at Schulte Anderson Downes Aronson and Bittner, P.C. She has practiced family law exclusively since 2009. Her practice covers all aspects of family law, including divorce, custody, unregistered domestic partnerships, modifications, premarital agreements, and appeals. She is a member of the Multnomah Bar Association, the Oregon State Bar, Family Law Section, and Oregon Academy of Family Law Practitioners.

Patty Arjun has practiced family law since 2004 and is licensed in both Oregon and Washington states. In addition to her traditional litigation practice she is a trained collaborative attorney and mediator.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science at the University of San Francisco and her law degree from Lewis and Clark.

She is a board member of the Oregon Academy of Collaborative Professionals, as the outgoing VP and incoming President, and a member of Portland Collaborative Divorce practice group, OFLAP and other local bar groups. She is a founding partner at DBMA family law group in Portland.

Cynthia Domingo-Foraste is a Senior Assistant General Counsel for the Oregon Judicial Department. Cynthia began her career in 2007 as a legal services attorney in New York City, practicing family law. In 2012, she became the Director of Legal Services at Safe Horizon, the nation's largest victim services agency. There, she managed a team of attorneys providing services across five boroughs to over 3,000 victims of domestic violence annually. In 2017, Cynthia was named the Executive Director of the Court Square Law Project, a project of the New York City Bar Association and CUNY School of Law, where she received the Lewis M. Brown award for Legal Access from the American Bar Association. In 2019 Cynthia was named a Trailblazer by the New York Law Journal. Upon moving to Oregon in 2021, she became the Chief of the Community Law Division at Metropolitan Public Defenders. The Community Law Division provides civil legal services for people in the criminal justice system. Cynthia is admitted to practice in NY, CA, and Oregon.

The Honorable Maureen McKnight retired in 2019 after 17 years on the bench in Multnomah County, Oregon, where she served as Chief Family Court Judge and handled primarily family, juvenile, and criminal matters. She continues to serve as a Senior Judge. Her legal career, both before appointment to the bench and afterwards, has focused on systemic family law issues affecting low-income Oregonians, including operation of the state's child support program, access to justice issues such as self-representation, and the response of Oregon's communities to domestic violence. Judge McKnight is a member of the Oregon Judicial Department's (OJD's) Standardized Forms Workgroup, the Data Subcommittee of OJD's Family Law Advisory Committee, the author of numerous CLE articles, and the recipient of awards from the Oregon State Bar, Oregon Women Lawyers, the Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, the Oregon Chief Justice, and the Oregon Child Support Program.

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OJD'S COMMITMENT TO EDI AND WHY IT MATTERS PRESENTATION OF SFLAC AWARD

Speakers: Chief Justice Meagan Flynn and Valeri Colas

Chief Justice Meagan Aileen Flynn was elected by her colleagues as Oregon's 44th Chief Justice and began service on January 1, 2023. Chief Justice Flynn was initially appointed as an Associate Justice on the Oregon Supreme Court by Governor Kate Brown and sworn in April 4, 2017. She was elected to the position in the May 2018 primary in a competitive race. Before joining the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Flynn served on the Oregon Court of Appeals beginning in November 2014.

Chief Justice Flynn received her undergraduate degree from Willamette University (B.A. cum laude in Philosophy and Political Science, 1989) and her law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law (J.D. magna cum laude, 1992), which she attended as a Thomas More Scholar.

Her current extracurricular activities include serving as a member of the board of the Classroom Law Project and as a coach for the We the People team at Franklin High School in Portland and as a regular speaker on issues of professionalism for the Oregon Bench & Bar Commission on Professionalism.

Before being appointed to the Court of Appeals, Chief Justice Flynn:

- Practiced civil appellate law at Preston Bunnell & Flynn, LLP in Portland, Oregon, primarily handling matters before the Oregon Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Benefits Review Board of the U.S. Department of Labor (partner 2004-14; associate 1999-2004).
- Practiced law as an associate attorney at Pozzi Wilson Atchison, LLP in Portland, Oregon, where she primarily handled cases in the areas of products liability, personal injury, state workers compensation and federal longshore compensation (1994-99).
- Served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Rick Haselton and Honorable Robert D. Durham on the Oregon Court of Appeals (1992-94).
- Authored appellate briefs on significant issues of Oregon law for the amicus committee of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association.
- Served as a member of the executive committees of the Oregon State Bar Appellate Practice Section, Consumer Law Section, Products Liability Section, and Workers Compensation Section.
- Authored several chapters for legal education publications of the Oregon State Bar and the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association on topics pertaining to appellate practice and insurance litigation, including the chapter on Briefing for the OSB volume Appeal & Review, the Basics.

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Speakers: Chief Justice Meagan Flynn and Valerie Colas

Valerie Colas, Counsel in charge of the Office of Engagement, Equity, and Inclusion (OEEI) – Office of the State Court Administrator – Oregon Judicial Department

Valerie Colas is the Counsel in Charge of the Office of Engagement, Equity, and Inclusion (OEEI) in the Office of the State Court Administrator. OEEI supports OJD's commitment and strategic campaign initiatives relating to access to justice, racial justice, and equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI). At OEEI, she provides legal, technical and administrative support to the various divisions of the Office of the State Court Administrator, courts, judges and court staff. In addition, she supports the Judicial Leadership Education Committee, the Tribal Court State Court Forum, and the Oregon Supreme Court Counsel on Inclusion and Fairness.

Valerie received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law and a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida with a major in Political Science and minor in Mass Communications. Prior to joining OJD, she served as a senior Deputy Public Defender for the Oregon Office of Public Defense Services (OPDS), where she worked from 2011 – 2019. At OPDS, she represented parents who qualify for indigent defense in juvenile dependency and termination-of-parental-rights cases before the Oregon appellate courts. Prior to that position, Valerie was a Staff Attorney at the Oregon Law Center, representing individuals from lower income communities in impact and individual services cases involving employment, administrative, and civil rights law.

Her professional and community involvement includes serving as a past president of the Multnomah Bar Association, the Oregon Chapter of the National Bar Association, and Oregon Law Foundation. She continues to be a Board member of the Oregon Chapter of the National Bar Association and Oregon Law Foundation. She has served as the chair of the Oregon Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission, was a taskforce member for the Task Force Legal Representation in Childhood Dependency, and was the chair of the Legal Redress Committee of the NAACP-Portland Branch.

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FACILITATOR WORKSHOP

SPEAKERS: TEALA SUNDERMAN, COLLEEN CARTER-COX, CHRISTINE HILL, HANNAH MARCHESE, HOLLY RUDOLPH, AND CARRIE VIGUE

Colleen Carter-Cox is the Family Court Program Coordinator at the Lane County Circuit Court and runs the Court's Family Court Assistance Office. Prior to coordinating the program, she worked as a family law facilitator for 8 years and was involved in the initial development of Lane County's facilitation program in 2001. She serves as vice chair to the Lane County Family Law Advisory Committee. Colleen is a member of the State Family Law Advisory Committee and is currently chair of the Education Subcommittee, and a member of both the Futures and Governance Subcommittees of the SFLAC. Colleen is also a member of the OJD Domestic Relations Forms Taskforce and of the Standardized Forms Subgroup of Law and Policy.

Christine Hill

**Child Support Analyst, Juvenile & Family Court Program Division
Oregon Judicial Department**

Chris Hill is the Child Support Analyst for the Oregon Judicial Department/Juvenile and Family Court Program Division. Chris is the subject matter expert for OJD in all things child support related. She is currently heading up the innovative statewide IV-D centralized child support program. Prior to moving to the state level, Chris was the lead facilitator at the newly formed Legal Resource Center in Multnomah County and also served as judicial assistant to the Chief Family Law Judge. Before her move to Oregon in 2015, she was a staff attorney for both criminal and civil law judges in the Ohio court system. Her work both in Ohio and Oregon courts has focused on systemic issues affecting meaningful access to justice for all people.

Hannah Marchese is the Program Coordinator for the Southern Oregon Facilitator Initiative (SOFI) with Jackson County Circuit Court. She has been with OJD for eight years starting as a clerk in 2015 and joining facilitation in 2016. The power of information was her theme moving forward and knew facilitation could be a reliable and powerful resource for the community. In her current position, she has worked diligently to help develop an innovative remote resource for litigants and works closely with community partners to strengthen her understanding of community needs. Hannah is the co-chair of the SFLAC Education Sub Committee, a member of its Facilitator Workgroup and chair of her Local Family Law Advisory Committee (LFLAC). She is excited to be a part of the Family Law Conference this year and looks forward to meeting with others in her field.

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Holly Rudolph (she/her) has been the Forms Manager for the Oregon Judicial Department since 2010 and has developed several of the systems currently in place to manage OJD's various forms libraries. Responsible for a wide variety of case types, Holly develops both paper forms and interactive interviews for self-represented filers, as well as electronic forms for courts. Focused on plain English, clarity, and accessibility, Holly works with judges, lawyers, and staff from around Oregon to ensure statewide consistency of forms across platforms. Holly also works with OJD's statewide offices to advance changes to statutes, rules, and processes that affect form development and to provide training, troubleshooting, and support to users.

Prior to joining OJD, Holly worked in the medical field for 12 years before graduating summa cum laude from Rutgers University in Camden, New Jersey in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science with heavy coursework in urban planning and development. She then attended Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, OR where she clerked for the Animal Legal Defense Fund, graduating in 2010 with a certificate in criminal law. Holly served as associate editor of the Lewis and Clark Animal Law Review and has had several works published in the area of equine law.

Teala Sunderman has worked with families and children in the legal system for over 20 years. She worked as a family law paralegal for many years before becoming the Family Law Coordinator for Union County Circuit Court in 2013. She is a trained mediator and has previously served as a court-connected mediator for both small claims and domestic relations matters. Ms. Sunderman has volunteered as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate ("CASA") and on the board of the Eastern Oregon Mediation Center. She is currently a member of the Union County Family Law Advisory Committee ("FLAC") and the Statewide FLAC Education Subcommittee. She is currently the serving as the lead for the SFLAC Education Subcommittee's Facilitator Workgroup.

Carrie Vigue has worked for the Oregon Judicial Department for over sixteen years. She began her career with OJD as a Domestic Relations clerk before becoming the Court Facilitator for the 15th Judicial District in 2014. Ms. Vigue currently serves on the Statewide Forms Sub-Group (SFSG), the SFLAC Facilitation Work Group and on the Family Law Advisory Committee for Coos and Curry counties. She is currently pursuing an associate's degree in paralegal studies.

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PARENTING TIME TOOLS FOR FAMILIES AND FAMILY LAW PROFESSIONALS

SPEAKERS: HON. AMY HOLMES HEHN, DR. WENDY BOURG, JUDITH SWINNEY, AND KATHLEEN ZUMPANO

The Honorable Amy Holmes Hehn is a Multnomah County, Oregon, Circuit Court Judge handling domestic relations cases, domestic violence protection orders, probate and juvenile matters. A native Oregonian, Judge Holmes Hehn was appointed to the bench in January of 2013. Before her appointment she served for 25 years as a Deputy District Attorney in the Multnomah County DA's Office, including as Senior Deputy of the Juvenile and Domestic Violence Units. She has a long history of involvement in system improvement efforts, education and training in domestic violence, juvenile justice and child welfare on the local, state and national level.

Dr. Wendy Bourg began her work on helping children and parents manage high conflict divorce in graduate school when she helped run a clinic for children of divorce. She conducted her master's thesis and dissertation research on children's behavioral and physiological responses to adult anger and domestic violence. In her current practice she conducts custody and parenting studies and maintains a clinical schedule focused on parent coordination and family therapy in Resist Refuse dynamics. Dr. Bourg's practice emphasizes the complex underpinnings of family conflict and seeks multiple points of intervention that can move the family system to a more peaceful place. Her focus is on problem-solving in the context of a strong respect for the importance of healthy attachment relationships to both child and adult functioning. While the work is very challenging, both intellectually and emotionally, Dr. Bourg embraces the challenge of helping these families travel through this period of crisis to a better place

Judith Swinney, J.D., a parent educator and coach, is also a child welfare mediator with Oregon Department of Human Services and the New Mexico Children's Court Mediation Program. She serves on the State Family Law Advisory Committee's Parental Involvement and Outreach subcommittee in Oregon, and is a founding board member of Oregon's Association of Family and Conciliation Courts chapter. Since 1987, she has facilitated the court-mandated parent education classes for separated/divorcing parents in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, Oregon. Since 2000 Judith has facilitated the Parenting Beyond Conflict class. Judith is licensed to practice law in Texas and Oregon.

Kathleen Zumpano is a Portland-based parenting plan mediator, child development specialist, and parent educator providing services in-person and remotely. She has a passion for helping families at any stage in life, but has focused her practice on separating and divorcing families since 2008. Her areas of expertise include children under 5, child development, and complex family dynamics. Additionally, she provides trainings locally and nationally on a variety of topics, including developmentally-appropriate and research-based interviewing tools and techniques for interviewing children. She has previous experience as a child and family therapist, residential treatment counselor, and parenting coordinator

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LEGAL SERVICES MODELS: LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON, ST ANDREWS LEGAL CLINIC, THE COMMONS LAW CENTER

SPEAKERS: MAXINE TUAN, EMILY BROWN-SITNICK, AND CHRISTINE ZENTHOEFER

Maxine Tuan is the Executive Director of St. Andrew Legal Clinic and a family law attorney. St. Andrew Legal Clinic is a non-profit family law firm serving Multnomah, Washington, Columbia, Clackamas, and Yamhill counties, with two office locations in Hillsboro and Portland. St. Andrew Legal Clinic provides low-cost family law services on a sliding scale based on a client's monthly income.

Prior to rejoining St. Andrew Legal Clinic as the Executive Director, Maxine was an equity partner at Wyse Kadish LLP and a Staff Attorney at St. Andrew Legal Clinic. Maxine has focused her entire career on family, helping families in transition or crisis. Maxine's goal is to ensure that every client understands the family law legal process, which impacts the most important and intimate aspects of a person's life, such as their relationship with their children and financial well-being.

Outside of work, Maxine serves on a number of committees and boards for organizations focused on advancing access to justice and equity and diversity in our legal community. She is on the Board of the Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation, President-Elect of the Multnomah Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, and a past President of the Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association. She also serves on the Education Subcommittee of the State Family Law Advisory Committee and was an advisor on the Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee.

Emily Brown-Sitnick (she/her/ella/la) is the Regional Director of the Portland Regional Office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, the largest Legal Aid office in Oregon, providing free legal services to low-income individuals. While Emily is from Oregon, she obtained her Bachelor's degree from Knox College (Galesburg, IL), and law degree from Univ. of St. Thomas School of Law (Minneapolis, MN). Emily is bilingual in English and Spanish. She specializes in representing immigrant survivors and children of domestic and sexual violence in family law, immigration, civil rights claims, and public benefits. Emily went to law school for the express purposes of serving community members experiencing barriers in pursuit of access to the law and the tools and supports it offers.

Christine Zenthoefer, J.D.

Family Law Program Director

Christine became a lawyer to help people and make a difference. Before joining The Commons Law Center, she practiced for five years with Legal Aid Services of Oregon in Bend, Oregon, where she maintained a general poverty-law caseload with an emphasis on family law and domestic violence legal issues.

Christine graduated from Walla Walla University in 2010 with a degree in graphic design. After a brief stint at a marketing agency and moonlighting as a wedding photographer, Christine decided to head back to school to become a lawyer. She attended Lewis and Clark College and earned her JD in 2015.

In her free time, Christine is an avid hobbyist when her extremely busy toddler gives her a spare moment. Christine enjoys all things DIY, including tackling home renovations, sewing, making toys, painting, photography, cooking, and dabbling in woodworking.

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FAMILY COURT OUTCOMES IN CASES INVOLVING ABUSE AND ALIENATION ALLEGATIONS

Joan Meier is the National Family Violence Law Center Professor of Clinical Law and Founding Director of the National Family Violence Law Center at George Washington University Law School. Joan's research and scholarship focuses on domestic violence and custody; her study of *Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Parental Alienation and Abuse Allegations* (2019) has received widespread attention. Between 2003 and 2019 Joan founded and helped direct the Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP), where she handled appeals in the U.S. Supreme Court and state courts around the country. She has trained judges, lawyers, psychologists, professionals, advocates and laypeople extensively around the country and internationally.

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ATTORNEYS AND MEDIATION: HOW ATTORNEYS CAN SUPPORT THEIR CLIENTS DURING COURT-CONNECTED MEDIATION

SPEAKERS: AJ WAHL AND KRISTEN JOCUMS

AJ Wahl is a solo-practitioner on the Oregon coast. She is a mediator on the domestic relations mediation panels in Clatsop County, Tillamook County, and Lincoln County and also serves as Judge Pro Tem in Clatsop County with a weekly landlord/tenant, small claims, and violations docket. She obtained her juris doctorate from Willamette College of Law and holds a Bachelor Degree in Molecular Biology, Classics, and Legal Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. AJ lives in Gearhart with her husband, two daughters, dog, and chickens, and in her spare time she creates jewelry and makes wood-fired pottery.

Kristen Jocums

Peaceful Family Solutions, LLC

Kristen has mediated for thirteen years and previously practiced family law for 9 years in Utah, where she earned the “Young Lawyer of the Year” award from the Utah Bar in 1998. In addition, Kristen has worked as a guardian ad litem and parenting coordinator in complex family matters. “My background as an attorney, child advocate and organizer for positive change allows me to balance competing interests when guiding participants through conflict. This ensures that all parties feel valued and heard, which is the cornerstone for successful, long-term resolution for families.” Kristen has CLE presentation experience ranging from mini sessions to full day neutrals training. She also has 31 years of experience coordinating conferences designed to engage participants in interesting and impactful ways. Kristen focuses on divorce and custody cases primarily, but also mediates post-adoption contact agreements for families. She lives in Corvallis but offers private mediation around Oregon and is a court-connected mediator in Benton, Linn and Coos Counties. Kristen volunteers for many organizations in her community. Her family, work and leisure activities are all based on one thought: It takes all of us, giving our very best, to make this world a better place.

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WHAT CAN DATA DO FOR YOU?

SPEAKERS: LINDA HUKARI, YOUSEF ALLOUZI, AND JOSEPH MUIRHEAD

Linda Hukari was hired as a release assistance officer for the Marion County Circuit Court in October of 1993. She was an analyst and supervisor there until she accepted the trial court administrator position for the Benton County Circuit Court in June of 2008. She returned to the Marion County Circuit Court in October of 2019 and is currently the trial court administrator. Linda has been a member of the State Family Law Advisory Committee for many years and is a Co-Chair of the SFLAC Data Subcommittee with Ryan Carty.

Yousef Allouzi is a JCIP Data Analyst and author who presently resides in McMinnville, Oregon. His current work is focused on systems change in child welfare through the analysis and presentation of court data. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Oregon State University. He also holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the same institution. He previously worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons for 10 years, was a volunteer mediator, and he loves to travel.

Joseph Muirhead is a data analyst who currently resides in Ridgefield WA. He graduated from Sonoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. He previously worked at Oregon Health Authority as a Business Intelligence Analyst. He enjoys playing guitar, kayaking, and playing basketball in his free time.

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PARAPROFESSIONAL LICENSING IN FAMILY LAW SPEAKER: HON. KIRSTEN THOMPSON

Sr. Judge Kirsten Thompson served as a Circuit Court Judge in Washington County from February 2002 through January 2019. She previously worked in private practice in the areas of domestic relations and general civil practice, serving many Spanish speaking clients. She worked in the Oregon City regional office of Oregon Legal Services early in her career in the areas of family law, landlord tenant, and the farmworker program. As a senior judge she has enjoyed working wherever assigned in Oregon, and as private mediator in family law cases. She was appointed as the chair of the Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee in January 2020.

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PLENARY

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BRAINS & BODIES: YOUTH AND FAMILIES

SPEAKERS: DR. ARISSA WALBERG, DR. RAEGAN SMITH, DR. LYNNEA LINDSEY, AND PAT NORBERG

Session Moderator:

Lynnea E. Lindsey, PhD, MSCP (she/her) is a licensed clinical psychologist and the Director of Behavioral Health Services for PeaceHealth in Oregon. Dr. Lindsey specializes in health psychology and has provided leadership across Oregon and the PNW in the development of whole person care at the intersection of provider, payer, and policy. She is a Health Evidence Review Committee (HERC) commissioner, serves on the Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative, Integrated Behavioral Health Alliance, and Patient Centered Primary Care Home Standards Advisory Committee. Dr. Lindsey received her PhD in Counseling Psychology from California Professional School of Psychology where she also completed her postdoctoral Master of Science in clinical psychopharmacology.

Speakers:

Pat Norberg, MS, NCC (she/her) has been working in the Mental Health field in Eugene, OR for over 35 years, with specialty working with youth. For the past 18 years Pat has worked with PeaceHealth Crisis Team, and currently leads the Crisis Team of clinicians working in the Emergency Departments. Pat also has a history of working at Looking Glass Youth Services as clinician and supervisor, and at Lane County Behavioral Health as Lead in the Child and Adolescent Program. Pat is a mental health counselor and completed her Master of Science at University of Central Missouri.

Arisa Walberg, PhD (she/her) is the Managing Psychologist of Integrated Behavioral Health for the PeaceHealth Oregon Network. She has nearly 10 years' experience working as a Behavioral Health Clinician and leader in primary care. In pediatric primary care, Dr. Walberg currently works with patients from birth to adulthood who come in for their medical care and need support for emotional and/or behavioral concerns. Dr. Walberg received her PhD in Counseling Psychology from Colorado State University and completed her postdoc training in Portland, OR where she integrated behavioral health into two of the county's high school-based health clinics.

Reagan Smith, PhD (she/her) is on faculty at OHSU within the Department of Pediatrics, Institute on Development and Disability. She works as a pediatric psychologist at the assistant professor level. Her primary role is devoted to direct patient care and clinical training at the Eugene Child Development and Rehabilitation Center. Dr Smith's current clinical focus is on diagnostic assessment of developmental and behavioral concerns, primarily with youth ages 5 – 18. She has been a licensed practitioner since 2007 and has prior experience as a private practitioner. She completed pre-doctoral training in Portland, OR and earned her degree through the Clinical Psychology doctoral program at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK.

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CHILD SUPPORT

SPEAKERS: KATE COOPER RICHARDSON, MIKE RITCHEY, DAWN MARQUARDT, CHRISTINE HILL, AND AMBER FREITAS

Chris Hill is the subject matter expert for OJD in all things child support related. She is currently heading up the innovative statewide IV-D child support program. Prior to moving to the state level, Chris was the lead facilitator at the newly formed Legal Resource Center in Multnomah County and also served as judicial assistant to the Chief Family Law Judge. Before her move to Oregon in 2015, she was a staff attorney for both criminal and civil law judges in the Ohio court system. Her work both in Ohio and Oregon courts has focused on systemic issues affecting meaningful access to justice for all people.

Amber Freitas is a Program Manager at the Jackson County Circuit Court and is responsible for developing and overseeing the Remote Child Support Court. She has her M.A. Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Missouri – St. Louis. During her 10 years working in the criminal justice field, she has worked in academia, Jackson County Community Justice, and OJD. Her work has focused on implementing, revamping, and analyzing the effectiveness of programs that remove barriers for justice involved individuals. In 2018 she was part of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Local System Mapping project which involved looking at the intersection of law enforcement, jail, courts, community corrections, and community service providers.

Kate Cooper Richardson is the director of the Oregon Department of Justice Division of Child Support and the Oregon Child Support Program, Oregon's federal Title IV-D program. Kate joined the DOJ in 2010 and was appointed by Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum in January 2013 as director. A graduate of Willamette University School of Law, her 26-year public service career spans work in all three branches of state government, including eight years as Chief of Staff to the Oregon State Treasurer. Kate was a two-term board member of NCSEA, the national child support professionals organization, and co-chaired its Policy & Government Relations Committee. Kate is the current president of the National Council of Child Support Directors (NCCSD), a member of Oregon Women Lawyers, and a long-time board member of a local affordable housing nonprofit, Polk Community Development Corporation. Kate has served on the Chief Justice's State Family Law Advisory Committee (SFLAC) since 2013 and co-chairs the Child Support Subcommittee.

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SPEAKERS: KATE COOPER RICHARDSON, MIKE RITCHEY, DAWN MARQUARDT, CHRISTINE HILL, AND AMBER FREITAS

Dawn Marquardt is the Deputy Director of the Oregon Child Support Program at the Oregon Department of Justice. Dawn manages the staff in the DOJ Division of Child Support Fiscal and Contracts offices as well as the managers of the Policy Team, Communications and Education, Constituent Services and Executive Support. She serves as the Statewide Tribal Liaison for the Oregon Child Support Program. Dawn is licensed to practice law in Wisconsin, Oregon, and Colorado. Prior to her move to Oregon in 2014, she was a child support attorney in two Wisconsin counties (Dane and Columbia). Before joining the public sector and after graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School, Dawn was in private practice in Columbia County, Wisconsin, focusing on family law issues.

Mike Ritchey is a Senior Assistant Attorney General with the Oregon Department of Justice. During law school, Mike worked as a legislative aide to state Representative Kip Lombard. Following graduation from Willamette University College of Law, Mike spent two years working as a judicial clerk for the Oregon Court of Appeals. He spent 20 years in private practice as an attorney and partner with Bricker Zakovics and Querin in Portland from 1985 to 2005, representing injured railroad workers in state and federal court throughout the western United States. From 2005 to 2009, Mike remodeled houses, served as a mediator for the Oregon Court of Appeals, and had a private mediation practice. He has served as general counsel for the Oregon Child Support Program since 2009.

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PROTECTING CHILDREN WHILE ENSURING ACCESS: CRAFTING PARENTING PLANS THAT PROTECT CHILDREN

SPEAKERS: HON. MAUREEN MCKNIGHT, TRENA KLOHE, KSEN PALLEGEDARA MURRY, AND LAURIE ZWINGLI

Maureen McKnight is a Senior Judge, having retired in 2019 after stepping down as Chief Family Court Judge in Multnomah County, Oregon. Her legal career, both before appointment to the bench and afterwards, has focused on systemic family law issues affecting low-income Oregonians, including operation of the state's child support program, access to justice issues such as self-representation, and the response of Oregon's communities to domestic violence. Judge McKnight remains a member of the Oregon Judicial Department's (OJD's) Standardized Forms Workgroup and its State Family Law Advisory subcommittee on Data. She is the author of numerous CLE articles and presentations, and the recipient of awards from the Oregon State Bar, Oregon Women Lawyers, the Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, the Oregon Chief Justice, and the Oregon Child Support Program.

Trena L. Klohe is a senior staff attorney at the Hillsboro Regional Office of the Oregon Law Center, formerly the Hillsboro Regional Office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, where she has focused primarily on domestic relations and abuse prevention law for the last two decades. Before joining the Hillsboro Regional Office in 2002, Trena spent three years as an associate in the D.C. office of Latham & Watkins, a major international law firm.

Ksen Pallegedara Murry, of counsel with Cauble & Whittington LLP, is a Milwaukie based family law attorney and mediator. Ksen's practice is dedicated to providing accessible representation in family law matters, with an emphasis on serving traditionally underserved populations, including members of the LGBT community, immigrants from the former USSR, and children in domestic relations matters. He believes that clients can be empowered to become valuable members of their own legal team, working actively on their own behalf to resolve their problems with the guidance of an attorney. He is the former co-chair of the family law section of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (OTLA), and is one of the few Russian speaking family law attorneys in Oregon. Prior to earning his J.D. from Lewis and Clark Law school, Ksen co-authored the first LGBT non-discrimination policy for the New York City Administration for Children's Services and was one of the founding members of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project.

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SPEAKERS: HON. MAUREEN MCKNIGHT, TRENA KLOHE, KSEN PALLEGEDARA MURRY, AND LAURIE ZWINGLI

Laurie Zwingli has been practicing law for more than 25 years. She was raised in NJ and attended college at Texas A&M at Galveston before coming to Oregon and attending Lewis & Clark, Northwestern School of Law. Originally in insurance defense, becoming a single parent and taking time off to focus on her children for a few years helped to focus her interest on family law. A sole practitioner since 2011, she has shifted her practice to almost exclusively representing children in family law cases since 2015. She is currently a member of the Washington County LFLAC, and the Clackamas County Arbitration Commission. Ms. Zwingli enjoys working with children in struggling families. Having close contact with issues including suicidal ideation, abuse, depression, anxiety, ADHD, autism, IEPs, and other challenges, her philosophy is not to tear anyone down, but rather to help build up families as best she can with the tools that are available. Her goal is to give the children their best opportunity to achieve their most successful lives possible, by providing missing tools and roadmaps to successful futures for families that need them. Ms. Zwingli also enjoys mentoring other attorneys who might be interested in representing children.

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FROM PAIN TO PURPOSE: LESSONS FROM DIRECTLY IMPACTED LEADERS

SPEAKERS: JESSICA KATZ, RUTH ANTHONY, HAYLEE LORENZO, SOPHIA MONTOYA, SELENE LASKY, MARCO BREWER, ASHLEY DORETY, KENDRA STIDHEM, VANESA SHERROD

Jessica Katz founded the Family Preservation Project at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in 2003, which is the subject of documentary films, “Mothering Inside”, and “Like a Shield”. Jessica has been recognized as a Re-unification Hero by the American Bar Association. She was also instrumental in making Oregon the first state to legislatively adopt a “Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents.” Jessica is recognized for her Ted Talk, “Prison: The cost of Getting it Wrong”. Importantly, Jessica is honored to work alongside women and children who have been directly impacted by our criminal legal system towards more just solutions.

Ruth Anthony is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a CADC I, working full-time as a Mental Health Counselor at a local community college. She has had the opportunity to work with various age groups and marginalized populations impacted by oppressive institutions and systematic barriers. She first became involved with the Family Preservation Project as a graduate level intern and post-graduation stayed involved as a volunteer. Overtime, she has been co-developing the Youth Advisory Council alongside Jessica Katz and the amazing young people who have been impacted by parental incarceration. The Youth Advisory Council aims to provide awareness and advocacy work relating to the Bill of Rights of Children of Incarcerated Parents ORS 423.160. Ruth also identifies as a CIP.

Haylee Lorenzo is a caregiver who is most proud of graduating high school, being a part of the Family Preservation Project, and deciding what she wants to do in the future. Haylee aspires to help other children who have gone through similar situations, and she is currently an active member in FPP’s youth advisory council. Fun fact: Haylee is always laughing.

Sophia Montoya is a freshman at Tualatin High School. She has been part of The Family Preservation Project (FPP) family since 2013. Sophia’s goal is to finish high school with good grades and go to a 4-year college. Her achievements include getting good grades in school, and being an active member in FPP’s youth advisory council. Fun fact is Sophia has been to 13 concerts.

Selene Lasky is currently a senior in high school who is getting ready to graduate in the spring. She is very active in her community as one of the leaders in her Bible study at school as well as an honor roll student. Selene’s goals are to help others and one day have a family of her own. She is very creative and loves art, going to the gym, and going on adventures. Selene was a strong advocate for getting the Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents passed in Oregon and continues her advocacy work as an active member in FPP’s youth advisory council.

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SPEAKERS: JESSICA KATZ, RUTH ANTHONY, HAYLEE LORENZO, SOPHIA MONTOYA, SELENE LASKY, MARCO BREWER, ASHLEY DORETY, KENDRA STIDHEM, VANESA SHERROD

Marco Brewer is a student-athlete at Oregon State University, having earned a full-ride scholarship to play football for the Beavers. In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Marco is currently on the OSU's Honor Roll, majoring in Business. Marco is a committed son, grandson, brother and nephew. Marco has not let hardships or set-backs define who he is. He has come out the other side of adversity with a strong determination to be a part of the solution. Drawing on the wisdom of his own lived experience, Marco was instrumental in making Oregon the first state to create a Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents in statute in 2017. Marco is currently building capacity and cultivating leadership to develop a Children of Incarcerated Parents Youth Advisory Committee with the Family Preservation Project. Marco is committed to ensuring that the voices and experiences of young people who have been directly impacted by parental incarceration, are at the center of these conversations. He is committed to seeing that the rights become realities for impacted children, and that their road is made easier by those who have come before them.

Ashley Dorety is a fierce advocate for families impacted by incarceration and a proud alumnus of the Family Preservation Project. She is a certified Peer Wellness Specialist and Recovery mentor, with a Bachelor's degree in social science minoring in Child, Family, Youth studies. She is currently working as a recovery mentor at Harmony Academy, the first and only recovery high school in Oregon. Ashley has a passion for working with youth, as well working in the recovery field. She also recently participated in a trauma informed of Oregon work group focused on bringing more trauma informed care into the justice system. Ashley is a proud, grateful, and present mother of her 14-year-old daughter Sophia. Ashley is a tenacious athlete, stays involved in her recovery community and continually works to find peace and balance in life. Her future plans include going to graduate school for her master's in social work.

Kendra Stidhem is a mom and passionate advocate for reform in all aspects of criminal justice including addiction and recover, reentry, and child welfare. She is active in her community and in statewide efforts that include the Gender Responsive workgroup and Trauma-Informed Care and Equity. She is a Peer Support Specialist with expertise and lived experience in trauma and addiction recovery and hopes to become a social worker focused on breaking intergenerational cycles of trauma and incarceration.

Vanessa Sherrod is a strong and persistent agent for social justice and equality, viewing the world through an optimistic lens. Her advocacy includes work with the AFL-CIO, ballot and candidate campaigns, and in sharing her lived experience with legislators working for justice reform. She is the lead organizer for Ten Thousand Tablets providing tablets and technology to underserved communities. She is currently working on her Bachelor's of Social Work at Portland State University, and is a member of the Gender Responsive statewide work group. Vanessa is a Peer Wellness Specialist Coordinator with the Family Preservation Project, YWCA PDX.

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