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BIOGRAPHY

Education

University of Oregon School of Law, JD degree	1978
University of Oregon, BA, History	1974
University of Illinois	1970-71

Awards

Eugene Home Town Human Rights Hero Award	1998
Order of the Coif, University of Oregon School of Law	1978
American Jurisprudence Award for Trusts and Estates II	1978
American Jurisprudence Award for Civil Procedure	1976
Katherine Fenning Owens Memorial Scholarship	1975-1978
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Oregon	1974

Admissions to Bars

United States Supreme Court Bar	1981
United States Circuit for the Ninth District	1980
United States District Court of Oregon	1979
Oregon State Bar	1978

Employment

Lane County Circuit Court Judge 1998 to present
Special assignments in Commercial Court and Probate Court as well as hearing all civil and criminal trials in this court of general jurisdiction.

The Commercial and Business Court is a pilot project in Lane County which involves complex civil litigation cases including commercial and multi-party civil suits, construction, products liability and other tort, contract, trust, real property cases, among others, from around the state of Oregon. Judges Karsten Rasmussen, Charles Carlson and I are currently the Commercial Court judges for Lane County. Attached to my resume is further information regarding my participation in the Commercial Court.

The Lane County Probate department consists of over 1500 pending cases. Approximately two-thirds of those cases involve protective proceedings with guardianships and conservatorships; one-third involves estates and trusts. As the Probate Judge for Lane County, I cleared a tremendously backlogged docket, reorganized the court probate system, and set up procedures to make the probate department accountable to the parties and to the public. I instituted a Court Appointment Probate Attorney list from which to appoint experienced attorneys to represent protected persons to ensure their constitutional due process rights. Attached to my resume is a more detailed accounting of my work in probate.

Lane County District Court Judge	1993 – 1998
Adjunct Law Professor, University of Oregon School of Law	
Independent Research	1990 – 1991
Legal Profession	1986 – 1988
Trial Advocacy	1984 – 1992
Partner, Jagger & Holland PC	1981 – 1992
Associate, Diment, Jagger & Billings	1979 – 1980
Law Clerk, Lane County Circuit Court Judge	1978 – 1979
Law Student Certified for trial work with Prosecution	
Clinic of the Lane County District Attorney’s Office	Spring, 1978
Law Clerk, Johnson, Harrang & Mercer	Summer, 1977
Law Clerk, Bureau of Governmental Research and Service	Summer, 1976

Professional Activities

University of Oregon School of Law, Pilot Probate Mediation Clinic	2010 - Present
Council on Court Procedure	2005 - Present
Oregon Law Commission – Uniform Interstate Deposition & Discovery Act Work Group	2008 - Present
Oregon Supreme Court Task Force on Protective Proceedings	2007 - Present
Lane County Circuit Court Commercial Court Pilot Project	2006 – Present
SFLAC Work Group on Guardians ad Litem	2010
Liaison, Lane County Circuit Court Extern Program with University of Oregon School of Law	2003 – 2005
University of Oregon School of Law, with Judge Lyle Velure co-taught Commercial and Insurance Mediation	2004, 2005
National Association of Probate Judges, member	
National Association of Business Court Judges, member	
Oregon Judicial Department	
Education and Training Committee	2003 - 2005
Moderator of and Coordinator, OJD Understanding Sexual Violence: The Judicial Response to Stranger and Non-Stranger Rape & Sexual Assault	May, 2005

Oregon State Bar	
Estate Planning & Administration Section, Executive Committee	2001 - 2003
Uniform Criminal Jury Instructions Committee	1995 - 1998
Chair	1997 - 1998
Judicial Administration Committee	1991 - 1993
Lane County Bar Association	
Board of Directors	2000 - 2002
Probate Committee	2001 - Present
Peer Assistance Committee	1990 - 1991
Judicial Administration Committee	1989 - 1999
Law Day Participant	1981 - Present
Lane County Legal Aid (pro bono counsel)	1981 - 1992
Senior Law Service (pro bono counsel)	1981 - 1992
University of Oregon Student Conduct Hearings Officer	1992
Lane County Women Lawyers Association	
Director	1990 - 1992
Editor of Association newsletter	1990 - 1992
Governor's Task Force on Corrections Planning	
Associate Member – Work Group on Sexual Offenders	1990

Speaking Engagements (partial list)

University of Oregon School of Law classes	1997 - Present
National Association for Legal Professionals	2005, 2006
Oregon Law Institute	
Guardianships and Conservatorships	2003 - Present
Probate Practice	2002 - Present
“Probate Estate Administration”	March 11, 2011
“Beyond the Basics of Probate Practice”	March 12, 2010
Lane County Bar Association	
Lane County Bar Association on Probate	2002
Lane County New Lawyer's Committee	2001, 2002, 2005
Sole Practitioner's Networking Group	2000
Financial Planning Association	
“Navigating Probate Successfully”	2001
Indian Country Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	2000
Lane County Domestic Violence Clinic	1998- 2003
Lane County Women Lawyers	1998
Regional Violence Against Women Act Training Program	1998
Women's Law Forum	1995, 1998, 1999
D.O.C., Lane County Parole and Probation	1996
Lane Community College	1994 – 1996
Public Schools – An ongoing commitment at local middle and High schools	

Community Activities

Hillel at University of Oregon	
Board of Directors	2003 to present
President, Board of Directors	2006
Lane County Council on Domestic Violence	1996 – 2001
Criminal Justice Subcommittee	
Civil Justice Subcommittee	
Lane County Mediation Commission	2000 - Present
Lane County Family Law Advisory Commission	1999 - Present
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)	
Fox Hollow Elementary School	1997 – 1999
Coordinator and Chaperone, Fox Hollow	
class trips to Montreal and Quebec	1997, 1999
Coach – RIM Indoor Soccer	1996 -1997
Lane ShelterCare, Board of Directors	1994 – 1997
Coordinator, People’s Law School	1991 – 1992
Speaker at People’s Law School	1990 - 1991
Coach, American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)	1991 - 1992
Lane County Community Corrections Advisory Committee	1990 – 1993
Assistant Coach, Kidsports Soccer	1984 - 1995

COMMERCIAL COURT, PROBATE COURT AND PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS

Each year, in addition to hearing numerous civil and criminal trials, Lane County Circuit Court judges are given an administrative assignment such as the show cause docket, criminal law management, FEDs and small claims, civil motions, and probate.

In 2006, Lane County instituted the Commercial and Business Court pilot project. This pilot project focused on bringing complex civil litigation cases including commercial and construction cases, products liability and other tort, contract, insurance and trust cases from around the state to Lane County. We instituted procedures to enable us to manage and hear these cases in an expedited manner. When a case is accepted into the Commercial Court, a judge is immediately assigned to deal with all pleading, discovery and other matters through trial. I have been a member of the Lane County Commercial and Business Court since its inception. I have heard numerous cases including but not limited to multi-party restrictive covenant cases, easement and title cases; wrongful death cases based on theories of medical malpractice and products' liability; multi-party construction cases (Lane County and Deschutes County); insurance coverage cases; corporation dissolutions including proceedings by shareholders in closely held corporations; trade secrets and covenants not to compete; complicated trust cases; and class action lawsuits.

In both 2004 and 2005, I taught the Commercial and Insurance Mediation course at the University of Oregon School of Law with Judge Lyle Velure. We taught the principles of commercial and business insurance litigation and mediation.

In addition to being on the Commercial Court, in 2001, I was given the assignment of Probate Judge. At that time there were more than 1700 open probate files. There were over 350 pending conservatorship and estate accountings that needed to be audited by the court which had been filed anywhere from one to ten years prior to 2001. Attorneys in guardianship, conservatorship, trust and estate cases would file motions and often wait months before receiving rulings.

One of my first acts in probate was to form a Lane county Probate Advisory Committee, comprised of attorney with expertise in probate matters. I set up procedures for the probate department to follow and dealt with the backlog of probate cases. We caught up all of the accounts, authorizing more than \$250,000 in owed attorney fees and more than \$100,000 in past due fiduciary fees. I set up procedures with checks and balances within the probate department to ensure our accountability to the public and to the attorneys. We caught upon

all paperwork and were able to achieve a two day turn around time for most orders. We reduced the number of open cases from over 1700 to about 1500.

Once the court became accountable, I then hold attorneys more accountable as well. We set up court procedures in the form of status hearings and show cause hearings to ensure that attorneys handled their cases in a timely manner. Over time, the attorneys have become much more efficient and professional in their dealings with the court.

I instituted a Court Appointment Probate Attorney list from which to appoint experienced attorneys to represent protected person in both paying and pro bono guardianship and conservatorship cases. Procedures are now in place to ensure that those persons alleged to be incapacitated have competent legal representation at all stages of the protective proceeding.

Issues such as financial institutions releasing funds from restricted accounts without prior court authorization are also being addressed. As a result of court action, a number of banks and other financial institutions have established procedures to ensure compliance with court ordered restricted accounts.

I am currently consulting with the University of Oregon School of Law on a pilot Probate Mediation Clinic. The pilot program begins this term, Winter, 2011, and involves law students and professional probate mediators who will provide mediation access to probate cases currently set before the court. Given out budgetary constraints, I am looking for more ways to provide the best services possible to the public. I am in the process of coordinating with other graduate departments at the University of Oregon to implement a guardianship monitoring program.

As Probate judge, I hear the contested estate cases and trust cases. These cases range from undue influence cases to multi-party complex trust litigation.