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Members of the ORAP Committee:

On behalf of Chief Justice Martha L. Walters, Chief Judge James C. Egan, and Justice Meagan Flynn, Chair, I would like to thank you all for serving on the Oregon Rules of Appellate Procedure (ORAP) Committee for the 2022 term.

We have three new voting members. Judge Jacqueline Kamins is replacing Judge Erin Lagesen for the Court of Appeals, as Judge Lagesen was term-limited. Travis Eiva and Crystal Chase are replacing Cody Hoesly, who is term-limited, and Christine Moore, who passed away.

Both personally and on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank our departing members for their contributions to the ORAPs. Thanks to them -- thanks, in fact, to all of you -- the rules are better and more helpful to the bench and bar.

As a brief introduction to the committee: The Supreme Court and Court of Appeals have authority to enact rules of procedure. *See* ORS 2.120; ORS 2.560(2). The Chief Justice and Chief Judge created the ORAP Committee to aid the courts in creating and modifying those rules. The committee meets in even years. The basic process is:

- Late Winter / Spring (approx. Feb - May): Committee prepares a package of proposed amendments.
- Summer (approx. July-Aug): The proposed amendments are published and opened for public comment.
- Fall (approx. Sept-Oct): The committee reviews the comments and makes any final modifications.
- Late fall (approx. Nov): The finalized package of amendments is submitted to the courts for their review and approval.

The approved amendments will become effective on January 1, 2023.

The committee meeting dates and locations have not yet been determined. We will contact you with more information about that soon. For now, expect three meetings in the spring, possibly starting in February, and one meeting in September or October.

The first step is to collect proposed amendments. The committee has been receiving proposals since the 2020 term. If you have a proposal that you would like the committee to consider, please note that the deadline to submit proposals is Saturday, January 1, 2022. Please email proposals to:

ORAP.committee@ojd.state.or.us

As part of the committee's commitment to transparency and openness to the public, we have created a webpage for the committee:

<https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/appellate/rules/Pages/orap-committee.aspx>

On that webpage we will post meeting dates and agenda materials. After meetings, we will post either minutes or recordings of the meetings. The meetings will be open to the public.

The order of the Chief Justice and Chief Judge appointing you as members for 2022 will be attached separately.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you this year.

Very truly yours,

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