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<p>Visions, Initiatives and Barriers (VIBS) - Data</p>	<p>Yousef Allouzi Data Analyst, JCIP</p>	<p>Yousef Allouzi is a JCIP data analyst and author who currently resides in McMinnville, OR. 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 10 years for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, was a volunteer mediator, and loves to travel.</p>
<p>Visions, Initiatives and Barriers (VIBS) &amp; Remote Hearings</p>	<p>Amy Benedum Senior Juvenile &amp; Family Law Analyst, JCIP</p>	<p>Amy is a graduate of the University of Oregon's School of Law who has worked for the OJD since 2011. She began her career clerking at the Lane County Circuit Court from 2011-2012 before joining the Juvenile and Family Court Programs Division (JFCPD) as a Citizen Review Board Field Manager in 2012. Amy has been a CRB Field Manager, a JFCPD Program Analyst, and since December 2017 has been the Violence Against Woman Act Project Analyst/Staff Attorney, serving as the point of contact within OJD for protection order forms, protocols, procedures, bench guides and education materials for court staff and system stakeholders. Prior to attending law school Amy was an elementary school teacher and worked for Greenpeace. She has a daughter and lives in Salem.</p>
<p>Reasonable Efforts</p>	<p>Hon. Patricia Davis Gibson, Klamath Tribal Court</p>	<p>Patricia Davis Gibson is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and has been working in Indian Country for over 20 years. Currently, she is the Chief Judge of the Klamath Tribes.</p>
<p>Chief Justice Champion Awards</p>	<p>Justice Rebecca Duncan, Oregon Supreme Court</p>	<p><b>Justice Rebecca Duncan</b> was appointed to the Oregon Supreme Court in 2017 by Governor Kate Brown. Prior to joining the Supreme Court, Justice Duncan served on the Oregon Court of Appeals, beginning in 2010. Justice Duncan received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her law degree from the University of Michigan. Following law school, she worked as a trial attorney for the Metropolitan Public Defender, in both Washington and Multnomah Counties. She later joined the Office of Public Defense Services in Salem, where she represented individuals in criminal appeals and served as a manager of the office's appellate division. Justice Duncan's law-related activities have included serving on the Executive Committees of the Oregon State Bar's Criminal Law Section, Constitutional Law Section, and the Board of the Oregon Women Lawyers–Mary Leonard Chapter. She frequently presents at continuing legal education programs on topics including appeals, constitutional law, criminal law, evidence, and family law.</p>
<p>Reasonable Efforts</p>	<p>Hon. Bethany Flint, Circuit Court Judge Deschutes County</p>	<p>The Hon. Bethany Flint was appointed to the Deschutes County Circuit Court by Governor Kate Brown in February 2016 and was elected to her position in the general election that same year. Judge Flint has also served as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Bend from 2014-2016. She earned her law degree in 2003 from Whittier College School of Law, summa cum laude, with recognition as Outstanding Fellow in the school's Center for Children's Rights and obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Irvine, magna cum laude, in 1999. Prior to her work on the bench, Judge Flint practiced family law litigation and mediation for nearly 13 years. Judge Flint presided over Deschutes County's Family Drug Treatment Court throughout 2018, and in January 2019 transitioned to presiding over the Court's dependency docket. Additionally, she represents the Court on the Deschutes County Access to Justice Committee, the LFLAC, the SFLAC Parental Involvement Outreach Subcommittee, and is a founding board member of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.</p>
<p>Appellate Update Reasonable Efforts &amp; Visions, Initiatives and Barriers (VIBS)</p>	<p>Megan Hassen Senior Juvenile Law Analyst, JCIP</p>	<p>Megan Hassen serves as Juvenile Law and Policy Counsel for the Juvenile and Family Court Programs Division at the Oregon Judicial Department. She currently works on court improvement projects relating to juvenile dependency and delinquency matters. She previously served as the Policy and Training Lead for the Oregon Judicial Department's Citizen Review Board program as well as the Field Manager for eight Marion County Citizen Review Boards. Megan is a graduate of the Willamette University College of Law and spent 13 years working in the local trial courts in family and juvenile law, and alternative dispute resolution programs. She lives in Salem with her husband, Courtland, and her son, Ben. She enjoys playing tennis and taking her dogs, Toby and Evie, on walks in her spare time.</p>

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Remote Hearings	Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn, Circuit Court Judge Multnomah County	The Honorable Amy Holmes Hehn is a Multnomah County, Oregon, Circuit Court Judge handling family law matters, including domestic violence, 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 domestic violence, juvenile justice and child welfare system improvement efforts on the local, state and national level.
Appellate Update & Remote Hearings	Hon. Megan Jacquot, Circuit Court Judge Coos County	Megan Jacquot is a circuit court judge and the juvenile judge in Coos County. She is a member of the executive board of JELI, the judicial engagement and leadership institute through JCIP, the juvenile court improvement program of the Oregon Judicial Department. She also serves on the OSB juvenile law committee's executive board. Prior to taking the bench in 2016, she was a member of the Coos County Indigent Defense Consortium and the OPDS juvenile appellate panel since 2005, and an assistant public defender before that. Her practice focused on all aspects of juvenile law and adoptions, court-appointed and private, trial work and appeals. In the last year, Judge Jacquot has enjoyed working with other juvenile judges to audition virtual court platforms, work through difficult issues and evaluate legislation. She also learned to walk again following a spinal cord injury. When not working, Megan spends time with her husband and five teenagers. She enjoys reading, fishing and travel.
State of Child Welfare	Rebecca Jones Gaston, Child Welfare Director DHS	Rebecca became the Child Welfare Director in November 2019 after serving as the executive director of the Social Services Administration at the Maryland Department of Human Services. In that role, she oversaw both child welfare and adult services, which focuses on the needs of the elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults. Rebecca has worked in human services and child welfare for more than 19 years as a social worker, advocate, therapist, consultant, and administrator. She spent eight years with Casey Family Programs, providing technical assistance to child welfare agencies throughout the United States. Rebecca also served as the national director of a campaign for foster and adoptive families in collaboration with the Ad Council and Children's Bureau. She was a program director with the National Association of Former Foster Care Children of America and a program coordinator for the National Center on Permanency for African American Children at Howard University. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Georgetown University and a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania.
Visions, Initiatives and Barriers (VIBS) - Model Courts	Shary Mason, Model Court & Training Analyst JFCPD	Shary Mason has worked for the Oregon Judicial Department since 1993. She has over 25 years of experience in the Citizen Review Board (CRB) Program and is currently the Juvenile Court Improvement Program (JCIP) Model Court and Training Analyst. In her current position, Mrs. Mason provides training and education to Judges, Court and CRB staff, CRB volunteers, tribes, DHS, and community partners on policy and practice standards related to court implementation of relevant juvenile law. She serves as the liaison between JCIP and the CRB Program, provides technical assistance to support Model Court Teams, and analyzes child welfare policy affecting the courts and the CRB. She has served on many multi-disciplinary committees developing child welfare policy. Shary and her husband Don have 8 children and 11 grandchildren. They are former foster parents, adopted their 20-year-old daughter and former niece through DHS and are legal guardians of their 17-year-old grandson, who has lived with them since birth. She has a B.S. in Psychology and Secondary Teaching Credentials in Social Sciences from the University of Oregon.
Reasonable Efforts & Remote Hearings	Hon. Jay McAlpin, Circuit Court Judge Lane County	Judge McAlpin was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2012. After graduating from law school, Judge McAlpin worked as a law clerk in Lane County Circuit Court, a prosecutor in the Lane County District Attorney's Office and as a civil defense attorney. As an attorney he tried numerous cases to juries in various counties throughout Oregon. Judge McAlpin has been assigned to the Juvenile Department since January 2017.

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<p>Reasonable Efforts &amp; Remote Hearings</p>	<p>Dawn McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge Clatsop County</p>	<p>Dawn McIntosh was elected to the Clatsop County Circuit Court bench in 2016. Prior to becoming a judge, she worked as an Oregon trial lawyer for nearly 25 years in Multnomah, Clatsop and Tillamook counties, practicing primarily criminal, family and juvenile law. Judge McIntosh earned a B.S. from Willamette University and a J.D. from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. She is a current member of the Oregon Judicial Department’s State Family Law Advisory Committee, the Judicial Leadership and Education Committee, and the Judicial Engagement and Leadership Institute as well as multiple subcommittees. She is a member of the Clatsop County Dependency Team and the Clatsop County Domestic Violence Counsel and chairs the Local Family Law Advisory and Mediation/Arbitration Committees.</p>
<p>Welcome / Introduction &amp; Legislative Update</p>	<p>Leola McKenzie Director, JFCPD</p>	<p>Leola McKenzie, Director, JFCPD. Leola has been with the Office of the State Court Administrator since January 1995. Leola has worked in various analyst, supervisor, manager, and director roles related to the development, implementation, management, and evaluation of statewide court programs, policies, and services related to juvenile and family law. Leola earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Secondary Education from Nazareth College in Rochester, New York and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Portland State University. Past work experiences include five years of nonprofit management, one year as a counselor/advocate in a juvenile delinquency diversion program, and two years teaching at the secondary level. Leola is an adoptive parent of Clay (age 23) and Claire (age 20).</p>
<p>Appellate Update</p>	<p>Josephine Mooney</p>	<p>The Honorable Josephine H. Mooney was appointed by Governor Kate Brown to Position 1 on the Oregon Court of Appeals in May 2019. Judge Mooney grew up in the Midwest. She earned her B.A. at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and her J.D. at the University of Oregon School of Law. Before joining the Court of Appeals, Judge Mooney worked in Eugene as a trial lawyer (1988 - 2005), a hospital risk manager and compliance officer (2005 - 2011) and as a circuit court judge (2011 - 2019). Judge Mooney served on the Oregon Circuit Court Judges Association Executive Committee from 2011 – 2016 rotating through as Treasurer, President and Past-President. She is a member of the OSB Litigation Section Executive Board where she helps manage the "Judges Corner" webpage and CLE calls. Judge Mooney is a member of OGALLA - the LGBTQ+ Bar Association of Oregon, and of the Lane County Bar Association. She mentors law students and new lawyers through law school and Bar Association programs.</p>
<p>Appellate Update</p>	<p>Hon. Darleee Ortega, Court of Appeals</p>	<p>Darleen Ortega has served as a judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals since 2003 and is the first woman of color and the only Latina to serve as an appellate judge in Oregon. Before becoming a judge, she practiced law for 14 years, focusing her practice on all types of civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels. In her time on the bench, she has distinguished herself as a court leader on issues of juvenile dependency and on addressing the structural inequities that plague the legal system. Judge Ortega is a frequent speaker on topics related to equity, privilege, combatting structural and internalized racism and oppression, and learning to understand and value the perspectives of people at the margins. She spends hours each week with law students and new lawyers, especially those from marginalized communities, helping them to make sense of the legal world. She also is an avid movie and theater critic; her reviews appear regularly in the Portland Observer. Judge Ortega teaches Access to Justice at all three Oregon law schools.</p>

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Remote Hearings	Hon. Lindsay Partridge, Circuit Court Judge Marion County	Judge Lindsay Partridge grew up in Lebanon and graduated with a BS in political science from Willamette University in 1986 (cum laude). Having no immediate job prospects, he migrated across Winter Street to Willamette College of Law and received his JD in 1989 (cum laude). After being admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1989, he briefly worked for the Oregon Judicial Department before entering private practice in Marion County. His practice focused on the areas of juvenile law and criminal defense. In January 2012, Gov. Kitzhaber appointed him to the Marion County Circuit Court. He served as the Presiding Juvenile Court judge in Marion County for from July 1, 2013 until January 20, 2017. Judge Partridge has served as a judge pro tem in Salem Municipal Court, as president of the Marion County Bar Association, and the chair of the Oregon State Bar Criminal Law Executive Committee. Judge Partridge gets daily practice in the area of domestic relations mediation refereeing disputes between his wife of 28 years and his 16-year-old daughter.
Reasonable Efforts	Hon. Daina Vitolins, Circuit Court Judge Crook County	Daina A. Vitolins, B.A., The College of Idaho (1982); J.D., Willamette University College of Law (1985); member of the Oregon State Bar since 1985; Circuit Court Judge, 22nd Judicial District.