

# JUVENILE JUSTICE SUMMIT

## STAFF and SPEAKER BIOS

**Chief Justice Martha Walters** was elected by her colleagues as Oregon's 44th Chief Justice and began service on July 1, 2018. Chief Justice Walters joined the Oregon Supreme Court as an Associate Justice in October 2006. Before joining the court, Chief Justice Walters practiced law for almost 30 years, emphasizing employment law and civil litigation as well as general civil practice. She practiced law in Eugene with Walters Romm Chanti & Dickens, P.C. and its predecessor firms (1985 - 2006), serving as firm president (1992 - 2006) and secretary (2004 - 2006), and practiced law in Eugene with Harrang, Swanson, Long & Wilkinson, P.C. and its predecessor firms (1977 - 1985). In 2007, after four years in other leadership positions, Chief Justice Walters was elected to a two-year term as the first woman president of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. She joined the Conference of more than 300 members in 1992 as one of Oregon's four commissioners. The Commission is a nonprofit organization that has worked to make state laws more uniform since 1892. All Commissioners are lawyers; none are paid for this work. A member of the Oregon State Bar since 1977, Chief Justice Walters has served in leadership positions and on many bar committees and task forces as well.

**Josh Weber** directs the CSG Justice Center's juvenile justice program, which focuses on helping states use effective methods to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Previously, Josh spent 10 years working on building the capacity of programs and systems that serve vulnerable youth in the juvenile justice, youth development, workforce development, and child welfare systems. Josh managed research programs for the Youth Development and Research Fund in Maryland and the Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. In addition, Josh led the development and implementation of NYC Administration for Children's Services' alternative to placement and reentry program for juveniles using evidence-based practices. He also directed the District of Columbia's Justice Grants Administration, which managed all federal juvenile and criminal justice grants for the District. Josh received his BA in psychology from Duke University and his MPA from Princeton University.

**Judge Owyhee Weikel-Magden** graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in December 2007. During law school she interned for the National Legal Sanctuary for Community Advancement in San Francisco (an immigration rights nonprofit) and for the Alameda County Public Defender in Pleasanton, CA. She opened her solo law practice in Bend Oregon in May of 2008, where she practiced primarily in criminal defense, taking both privately retained and state appointed cases, and small business matters. In 2016, she was appointed by the Deschutes County presiding judge as a Referee for the Juvenile Delinquency docket. Since that time, she has served as Referee and pro tem for delinquency and civil commitment matters. Since February, 2022 Judge Weikel-Magden has served as the chair for the JDIP advisory committee. She currently lives in Sisters, OR with her husband and two sons. Her favorite pastime is just about anything with "her boys". They love to white water raft, backpack, and camp. She also loves to garden and read.

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**Heidi Olsen Strauch** earned her BA in Political Science from Drake University and her JD from Lewis & Clark Law School. For seven years Heidi was a partner in general practice in a small-town law firm in Columbia County, encompassing both a civil practice and serving as city attorney for criminal matters, prosecuting misdemeanors in municipal court. After spending time as a full-time mother to her three children, Heidi provided litigation support in Multnomah County in complex civil cases. Heidi began work as a hearings referee and circuit court judge pro tem in 2014, mostly handling juvenile dependency cases. She also created and led the Marion County LGBTQ Foster Youth Work Group, working with community partners to improve outcomes for LGBTQ youth in foster care, served on the Marion County Visitation Practices Workgroup and was recognized as the Oregon Chief Justice's Juvenile Court Champion in 2018. Heidi now serves as the Juvenile Court Programs Manager for the Oregon Judicial Department.

**Nella Hogberg** began her role as a Delinquency Analyst at JFCPD in October 2021. She earned her JD from Suffolk University Law School (SULS) earlier that year and moved cross country to Portland, Oregon where she was admitted to the Oregon State Bar. She has been in the juvenile and family advocacy space in various roles since 2018 including work at a Boston area juvenile court, a local public counsel organization, and as a student attorney in the Family Advocacy Clinic at SULS. Since beginning at JFCPD last October, she has been working to spearhead the new Juvenile Delinquency Improvement Program (JDIP) through providing support for resource development, training, and stakeholder collaboration efforts. She looks forward to continuing to work toward better outcomes for youth and their communities.