

Learning the Ropes

November 12-14, 2025
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
1000 NE Multnomah St.
Portland, OR 97232

Total MCLE credits: 15.75

Total Practical Skills Credits: 9.75

Total Ethics Credits: 2

Total Mental Health/Substance Use Credits: 1

Total Introductory Access to Justice Credits: 3

Day 1: 6.75 MCLE credits

4.75 Practical Skills Credits – Oregon Practice and Procedure

2 Ethics Credits – Oregon Specific

Day 2: 6 MCLE credits

3.5 Practical Skills Credits – Oregon Practice and Procedure

1 Mental Health/Substance Use Credit

1.5 Introductory Access to Justice Credits

Day 3: 3 MCLE credits

1.5 Practical Skills Credits – Oregon Practice and
Procedure

1.5 Introductory Access to Justice Credits

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DAY 1

Day 1 qualifies for 6.75 MCLE Credits (4.75 Practical Skills Credits - Oregon Practice and Procedure; 2 Ethics Credits - Oregon Specific)

8:00 – 8:30 Registration/Check-In

8:30 – 9:00 PLF Overview

Learn about the Professional Liability Fund (PLF) and your legal malpractice coverage, both at the primary and optional excess levels.

Megan Livermore, *PLF Chief Executive Officer*

Emilee Preble, *PLF Director of Administration & Underwriting*

9:00 – 9:30 Introduction to Risk Management

Learn the key contributors to legal malpractice, how to prevent common risks, and how the PLF's Practice Management Assistance Program (PMAP) supports Oregon legal professionals in managing their professional responsibilities.

Hong Dao, *PLF Director of the Practice Management Assistance Program*

9:30 – 10:00 Introduction to Claims

Hear a general overview of the PLF's Claims department, the services they offer, and what to do when you make a mistake.

Matt Borrillo, *PLF Director of Claims*

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:15 Between a Rock and a Bar Complaint: Navigating Common Ethical Questions
(1 Ethics Credit - Oregon Specific)

Get to know the Oregon State Bar, and learn how to apply the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct in real-world scenarios.

Linn Davis, *Oregon State Bar Assistant General Counsel and Client Assistance Office Manager*

11:15 – 12:15 Professionalism in Practice: From Courtroom to Conference Room (1 Ethics Credit – Oregon Specific)

Understand your ethical obligations and how to maintain professionalism from both a judge's perspective and a transactional lawyer's experience.

Hon. Alycia Sykora, *Deschutes County Circuit Court Judge*

Tyler Folkman, *Strohman Ford, LLC*

12:15 – 1:30 Meet the Judges Luncheon (included in registration fee)



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DAY 1, CONTINUED

Choose a Concurrent Session

1:30 – 2:15	Civil Motion Practice Lindsey Hughes <i>Keating Jones Hughes, PC</i>	1:30 – 2:15	Estate Planning and Administration; Guardianships and Conservatorships Melissa F. Busley <i>Dunn Carney LLP</i>
2:15 – 2:20	Transition	2:15 – 2:20	Transition
2:20 – 3:05	Family Law Amanda C. Thorpe <i>Cauble, Furr & Beguin, LLP</i>	2:20 – 3:05	Personal Injury Melissa Bobadilla <i>Bobadilla Law, PC</i>
3:05 – 3:10	Transition		Stacy Tela-Kerber <i>Law Office of Ashraf M. Nomie</i>
3:10 – 3:55	Criminal Law Lisa Ludwig <i>Ludwig Runstein LLC</i>	3:05 – 3:10	Transition
		3:10 – 3:55	Business Transactions Sunny Kakwani <i>As Your Counsel</i>

3:55 – 4:05 Break

4:05 – 5:05 Under Attack: What Every Legal Professional Needs to Know About Cyber Threats, Risk Prevention, and the Dark Web

Learn about the top cybersecurity threats facing law firms, why they are prime targets for cyber criminals, and how to protect client data.

John Stephens, *Chief Information Security Officer, Convergence Networks*



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DAY 2

Day 2 qualifies for 6 MCLE Credits (3.5 Practical Skills Credits - Oregon Practice and Procedure; 1 MHSU Credit; and 1.5 Introductory Access to Justice Credits)

8:00 – 8:30 Registration/Check-In

8:30 – 10:00 Finding Your Way to Long-Term Success in Daily Practice

Gain fundamental career and practice management tips including how to create office systems that work best for you and help mitigate malpractice risk.

Rachel Edwards, Monica Logan, and Rita Alister, *PLF Practice Management Attorneys*

10:00 – 10:10 Break

Exploring Law Career Pivots: Firm, Solo, and Alternative Practice Settings

Learn success tips for potential transitions throughout your career. Hear from real-world practitioners at firms, running a solo practice, and in-house and government roles.

10:10 – 10:55 Joining a Firm

A.C. Estacio-Heilich
Associate, Ballard Spahr LLP

Radhika Shah
Associate, Miller Nash LLP

Monica Logan, Moderator
PLF Practice Management Attorney

10:55 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:45 Launching a Practice

Jeffrey S. Hinman
Hinman Law, PC

Jessica Nomie
Jessica Nomie Law

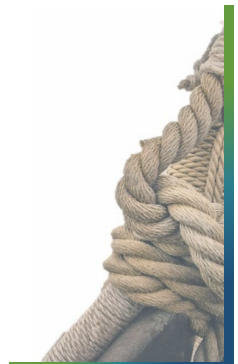
Rachel Edwards, Moderator
PLF Practice Management Attorney

11:45 – 12:15 Government and In-House Counsel

Yumi O'Neil
Cambia Health Solutions, Inc.

Kimberly A. Stuart
Washington County Counsel

Rita Alister, Moderator
PLF Practice Management Attorney



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DAY 2, CONTINUED

12:15 – 1:30 Bar Leader Luncheon (included in registration fee)

1:30 – 3:00 Pro Bono, Legal Aid, and Other Tools to Provide Access to Justice for All (1.5 Introductory Access to Justice Credits)

Learn about the unmet legal needs in Oregon and discover tools to assist lawyers in addressing these needs, ensuring that everyone has equal access to justice.

Kristin Asai, *Holland & Knight LLP*

Ayla Ercin, *Executive Director, Campaign for Equal Justice*

Eric McClendon, *Oregon State Bar Director of Pro Bono and Legal Referral Services*

William C. Penn, *Executive Director, Oregon Law Foundation*

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:15 Lawyer Well-Being (1 Mental Health and Substance Use Education Credit)

Join the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP) to uncover challenges lawyers encounter in their practice and explore strategies for maintaining well-being.

Kyra M. Hazilla, JD, LCSW, *OAAP Director and Attorney Counselor*

Douglas S. Querin, JD, LPC, CADC I, *OAAP Senior Attorney Counselor*

Bryan R. Welch, JD, CADC I, MA Candidate, *OAAP Attorney Counselor*

Kirsten Blume, JD, MA Candidate, *OAAP Attorney Counselor Associate*

Bridget Donegan, JD, MA Candidate, *OAAP Attorney Counselor Associate*



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DAY 3

Day 3 qualifies for 3 MCLE Credits (1.5 Practical Skills Credits - Oregon Practice and Procedure; 1.5 Introductory Access to Justice Credits)

8:00 – 8:30 Registration/Check-In

8:30 – 10:00 ADR in Action: Practical Tools and Strategies

Explore various Alternative Dispute Resolution forms, their advantages and disadvantages compared to litigation, and distinguish between court-mandated and voluntary ADR. Learn practical tips for navigating ADR processes and advising clients with confidence.

Kevin Eike, *Kevin A. Eike Arbitration & Mediation*

Hon. Eve Miller (Ret.), *Eve Miller Mediation*

Patrick Ward, *Clarity Law, LLC*

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:45 Lawyering for Clients with Diverse Needs *(1.5 Introductory Access to Justice Credits)*

Gain practical tips and advice on representing clients with diverse needs. Understand their unique needs and challenges so you can provide them with the quality legal representation they deserve.

Rachele R. Selvig, *Davis Hearn Anderson & Selvig, PC*

Emily Cooper, *Legal Director, Disability Rights Oregon*

Kyra M. Hazilla, JD, LCSW, *OAAP Director and Attorney Counselor*

Bridget Donegan, JD, MA Candidate, *OAAP Attorney Counselor Associate*



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