AGENDA: DAY 1

November 17, 2026

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 level

Emilee Preble, *PLF Director of Administration & Underwriting*

9:00 – 9:30 Introduction to Risk Management

Gain a comprehensive overview of the key risks and contributing factors that can lead to malpractice claims and explore resources designed to help you proactively reduce your exposure to malpractice liability.

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

9:30 – 10:00 Introduction to Claims

Gain a unique understanding of the nature of claims handled by the PLF Claims Department; learn what to do if a claim is made against you and the services offered by the Claims Department to support and assist you throughout the claims process.

Matthew A. Borrillo, *PLF Director of Claims*

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:15 Oregon Legal Ethics Refresher (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.

Dani Huck, *Oregon State Bar Deputy General Counsel*

11:15 – 12:15 Professionalism: Ethics Sets the Floor, You Set the Ceiling (1 Ethics Credit - Oregon Specific)

Explore the distinction between ethics and professionalism and learn how professionalism extends beyond ethical obligations to improve legal practice and promote respectful, effective interactions with clients, colleagues, and the courts.

The Honorable John V. Acosta, *United States Magistrate Judge*

Dana L. Sullivan, *Buchanan Angeli Sullivan & Ferrer LLP*

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

Concurrent Sessions

1:30 – 2:15	**Civil Litigation** Nicholas Kampars *Wildwood Law Group LLC*
2:15 – 2:20	**Transition**
2:20 – 3:05	**Family Law** Amanda C. Thorpe *Cauble Furr & Beguin LLP*
3:05 – 3:10	**Transition**
3:10 – 3:55	**Personal Injury** Jeffrey Carter *Dwyer Williams Cherkoss Attorneys PC*

1:30 – 2:15	**Business Transactions** Ann McQuesten *Ashurst Perkins Coie*
2:15 – 2:20	**Transition**
2:20 – 3:05	**Estate Planning and Administration; Guardianships and Conservatorships** Melissa F. Busley *Dunn Carney LLP*
3:05 – 3:10	**Transition**
3:10 – 3:55	**Criminal Law** Lisa Ludwig *Ludwig Runstein LLC*

3:55 – 4:05 **Break**

4:05 – 5:05 **ADR in Action: Practical Tools and Strategies**

Explore key ADR methods and learn how to choose the right approach for different legal disputes. Through real-world scenarios and practical guidance, this session will help you navigate mediation, arbitration, and other ADR tools to resolve conflicts effectively and advise clients with confidence.

Christopher Drotzmann, *Davis Rothwell Earle & Xochihua PC*

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

AGENDA: DAY 2

November 18, 2026

6 MCLE Credits
(4.5 Practical Skills Credits - Oregon Practice and Procedure; 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 from your practice management attorneys here at the Professional Liability Fund, including how to create 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 Career Pivots: Solo, Firm, & Alternative Practice Settings

Learn success tips for transitioning to firm or solo practice, and get guidance on in-house and government roles.

10:10 – 10:55 Joining a Firm

Marry Karam
Lissa Kaufman Law LLC

Matt Heldt
Tonkon Torp LLP

Monica Logan, Moderator
PLF Practice Management Attorney

10:55 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:45 Launching a Practice

Spencer Aldrich
Aldrich & Brunot LLC

Simonne Weyand
Weyand Law

Rachel Edwards, Moderator
PLF Practice Management Attorney

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

Yumi O'Neil
Cambia Health Solutions, Inc.

Rita Alister, Moderator
PLF Practice Management Attorney

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.

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

Erika Hente, *Executive Director, Oregon Law Center*

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

James Geringer, *Kotoba LLC*

Mikaela Marino, *Sussman Shank LLP*

3:00 – 3:15 **Break**

3:15 – 4:15 **Smart Tools, Sharper Judgment: AI for New Lawyers**

Learn the practical guardrails for navigating AI in everyday legal practice, including confidentiality, verification, and ethical considerations, and hear panelists explore the harder questions facing new lawyers from skill erosion to balancing personal values with professional expectations.

Jade Priest-Maoz, *Jade Priest-Maoz Coaching & Consulting, LLC*

Theodore Reuter, *Reuter Corbett LLP*

AGENDA: DAY 3

November 19, 2026

2.5 MCLE Credits
(1 MHSU Credit; 1.5 Introductory Access to Justice Credits)

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration/Check-In**

9:00 – 10:00 **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, OAAP Attorney Counselor, Professional Counselor Associate*

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

Bridget Donegan, *JD, MA Candidate-Mental Health Counseling, OAAP Attorney Counselor Associate*

10:00 – 10:15 **Break**

10:15 – 11:45 **When Legal Help Is Out of Reach: Disability, Poverty, and Distance (1.5 Introductory Access to Justice Credits)**

This session focuses on the unique legal challenges faced by clients with disabilities, economic hardships, and physical distance. Learn effective communication strategies, tailored legal approaches, and practice tips for providing inclusive, respectful representation. Gain insight into relevant legal protections and ethical considerations to better serve these clients.

Christian Hale, *Senior Fiduciary Services, LLC*

Sarah Lora, *Director, Lewis & Clark Law School's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic*

Rianka Macwan, *ABA Tax Section Christine A. Brunswick Public Service Fellow*

Jessica Rose, *Rose Legal*