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JUDICIAL CAREER

Circuit Court Judge – September 1997 to present. Appointed to the bench by Governor John Kitzhaber. Elected in 1998, and re-elected in 2004 and 2010. **Activities and assignments while serving as a judge include:**

Council on Court Procedures (1997-2005; 2006-09). Chaired Jury Innovations Subcommittee (1999-2009); obtained approval (1) to modify ORCP 58 to authorize the practice of jurors asking questions of witnesses, and (2) to modify ORCP 59 to require the trial court to submit jury instructions to the jury in writing.

Oregon Bench and Bar Commission on Professionalism (1999-present; Chair, 2004). Have made numerous speeches and presentations on behalf of the commission at State and local bar asso. meetings, at each of Oregon's three law schools and at judicial conferences.

New Judges Seminar faculty (2002–present): have served for ten years as a trainer of new judges. Teach civil jury trial management, professionalism and what new judges need to know.

Oregon Complex Litigation Court (2010—present): appointed by the Chief Justice to the panel of circuit court judges designated to handle complex civil cases throughout the State.

Oregon Court of Appeals Pro Temp (Nov 2005- Dec 2006): Appointed by the Chief Justice to serve as a Pro Temp on the Oregon Court of Appeals. Authored the opinion in *Doherty and Wizner*, 210 Or App 315 (2006)¹

William V. Deatherage American Inn of Court (2011-present): Co-founder and President. An organization devoted to promoting professional standards of conduct, providing mentoring opportunities for lawyers who seek excellence and improving the quality of the legal practice.

Oregon Judges Charitable Foundation (2008 – present). Co-founder and President. With Judge Janice Wilson and others, created the Budget Reduction Relief Fund in 2008 to assist OJD employees in financial need with funds donated by state court judges. This effort led to the formation of a 501(c) (3) foundation which now continues this mission.

Oregon State Bar awards and activities while serving as a judge:

. Recipient of the 2010 Wallace P. Carson, Jr. Award for Judicial Excellence.

This award is given by the OSB to a “current state or federal court judge who has made significant contributions to the judicial system and who is a model of professionalism, integrity and judicial independence.” (2007 Board of Governor’s resolution)

. Leadership College Advisory Board (Appointed by the Board of Governors to a three year term: Jan 2008-Jan 2011). Principal organizer and moderator for July 2008 program in Pendleton on sustainability in the legal profession.

¹ Opinion recognized as one of the six best appellate opinions (federal or state) written in the U.S. in 2007. See, “Reader of Exemplary Legal Writing 2007, http://www.greenbag.org/green_bag_press/almanacs/almanac_2008_excerpts.pdf

Circuit Court Judges Association. Executive Committee (October 2004-2010; President, 2008-09). As a member of the executive committee: directed the affairs of the association, including implementation of the association's agenda before the legislature. Testified before legislative committees on behalf of the association and the Oregon Judicial Department in 2007 and 2009.

Committee to Revise the Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct (2008–09). Appointed by the Chief Justice to help rewrite the code of judicial conduct to track the ABA Model Code.

Judicial Council (2008-09, 2010 to 2012). Elected to Council by the Circuit Court Judges Association. This council served as an advisory judicial executive body to the Chief Justice.

Strategic Planning Leadership Team (2008-10): Appointed by the Chief Justice to the team directed to develop a five year strategic plan for the Oregon Judicial Department.

Court Re-Engineering and Efficiencies Work Group (CREW) (2010 to 2012). Appointed by the Chief Justice. Assigned the task of developing a plan to be presented to the Legislative Assembly for implementation of the eight recommendations for streamlining the functions of the judicial branch of State government.

Judicial Education Committee (2001 to 2012). OJD committee responsible for planning all judicial education events, including the annual Oregon Judicial Conference each fall. Have served as planner, moderator and presenter for many regional and annual judicial conferences.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (2000-present). Participated in annual conventions in Chicago (2009), Norfolk (2008), Boston (2002) and Salt Lake City (2000). Have served on a variety of committees. Featured presenter at the annual convention in Chicago (2009); presentation entitled: "What's in a name? Child Surname Issues," focused on the history and legal standards for establishing surnames of children in America.

Jackson County Circuit Court Assignments and Activities. Chair, Jackson County Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission (1997 – present). Created and manage the externship program for law clerks (2002 to present). Chair, Court Security Committee.

LEGAL CAREER

Employment

Davis, Gilstrap, Harris, Hearn and Welty, Ashland, Oregon (Nov 1986 – Sept 1997).
Civil trial work: commercial, real property and business disputes; personal injury and insurance claims; government regulatory and land use matters.

MacPherson and Associates, Newport, Oregon (Nov 1983 – Nov 1986)
Principal focus on civil trial work and municipal law.

Ruckleshaus, Beverage, Fairbanks & Diamond (1978 – 1979). Washington D. C. law firm.
Worked as Legal Assistant in civil litigation and government sections.

U. S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield (1976 – 1978). Washington D. C. office. Worked as Legislative Assistant. Handled legislation and issues involving housing, the environment and wildlife.

Oregon State Bar Awards and Activities as an Attorney

- . Awarded the 1995 President's Public Service Award, presented by the Oregon State Bar for work performed during the 1995 legislative session.
- . House of Delegates (1996 to 1998.)
- . Civil Procedure and Practice Committee (1992 to 1995; Chair, 1995)
- . Legal Secretaries Committee (1988 to 1992; Chair, 1992)
- . Local Professional Responsibility Committee (1984 to 1987).

Jackson County Bar Activities

- . President (1998)
- . Court Liaison Committee (1987 to 1997)
- . Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission (Chair, 1997 to present)
- . Campaign for Equal Justice Co-Chair, 1997 and 1998.

Summary of Government and Legislative Activities

- . Legislative Assistant to US Senator Mark Hatfield (1976 – 1978);
- . Lobbyist and Legal Assistant for a Washington DC law firm (1978 – 1979);
- . Staff assistant, Portland Mayor Connie McCreedy (1980);
- . Lobbyist for various business interests before the 1985 Oregon Legislature;
- . Legislative liaison team for the Council on Court Procedures (1997 – 2007);
- . Volunteer representative for Oregon State Bar for the 1995 Oregon legislative session;
- . Member of exec. committee representing the Circuit Court Judges Asso and Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) for the 2005, 2007 and 2009 Oregon legislative sessions.
- . Member of OJD Legislation Review Committee (2003 to present).

EDUCATION AND BAR MEMBERSHIPS

University of Oregon School of Law – JD. Associate Editor, Oregon Law Review; Natural Resource Certificate.

Brigham Young University – BS (Political Science).

Oregon State Bar, 1983; US District Court, 1985; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1992.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Relating to Children:

- . Jackson County Family Nurturing Center (Relief Nursery). Board of Directors (2004-07).
- . Jackson County Boys and Girls Club. Board of Directors (1999-2003).
- . Jackson County STARS, Executive Board (1998-2003).
- . Ashland School Board, 1997; Ashland Schools Foundation Board, 1995-96. Ashland Schools Overcrowding Task Force (Chair), 1993-95.
- . Youth Sports and Activities: Baseball little league coach (11 years); YMCA basketball coach (eight years) and football coach (three years); 4-H Parent-Advisor (six years).

Relating to Civic Affairs:

- . The People's Law Forum (1990-1992 and from 1998-2006) Created and moderated a cable TV series called "The People's Law Forum." The series included seven to ten one hour programs each year, devoted to educating the public about different areas of the law.

. In the community of Ashland: Ashland Planning Commission, 1988 to 1992. Ashland Transportation Advisory Committee, 1992 - 1993. Ashland Community Hospital Foundation Board, 1987 – 1988. Rotary Club, 1987 – 2010.

PERSONAL

Married (33 years); five children (three in college). Raised in the Willamette Valley. Interests include hiking, music, history and racquetball.

PUBLICATIONS

Harris, Daniel and John Acosta. “Professionalism for Litigation and Courtroom Practice.” Published by OSB in September 2006. Reprinted in *Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Journal* (Winter 2007) and in the *Oregon State Bar Bulletin* (August/September 2007). Featured in “How We View Ourselves,” by Cliff Collins in the *Oregon State Bar Bulletin* (July 2010). Article used by the state bars of North Carolina and Virginia as part of CLE programs on professionalism.

Harris, Daniel. “Professionalism in the Courtroom.” A pamphlet published by the Oregon State Bar in May, 2003.

Harris, Daniel. “What Works Best In The Courtroom.” *Trial Lawyer*, Spring 2001. Reprinted in the summer 2003 issue.

Harris, Daniel. “Observations From The Bench On What Works Best In The Courtroom.” *Oregon Law Journal*. October, 2001.

Harris, Daniel and Sime, Billy. “Civil Procedure and Dispute Resolution.” *1995 Oregon Legislation*. Oregon State Bar.

Harris, Daniel. “Western Coal Severance Taxes and Congress: A Question of State Sovereignty.” *61 Oregon Law Review* 589 (1982).

PRESENTATIONS

During the last 25 years, made numerous CLE and legal education presentations before judicial conferences, at bar association (federal, state and local) gatherings, in law school conferences and classes and at community association meetings:

Oregon State Bar, Oregon Law Institute and Oregon Trial Advocacy College

December 13, 2012 (OSB Center) “Judges and Lawyers in Partnership: Protecting and Promoting Professionalism.” Planning Chair and presenter: “In Pursuit of Atticus Finch: Modeling Professionalism in Practice.” Keynote address: Chief Justice Thomas Balmer.

October 25 & 26, 2012 Oregon Trial Advocacy College. Hatfield Federal Courthouse. Served on panel with Judges Ann Aiken, John Acosta, Kathleen Dailey and Jamese

Rhoades; also participated as presiding judge and training evaluator.

December 2, 2011 (OSB Center) "Professionalism in Oregon: Charting the Next Twenty Years." Planning Chair and presenter. Keynote address: former Chief Justice Edwin Peterson.

November 18, 2011 OLI Program (Convention Center, Portland)
"Courtroom Evidence" Featured Speaker on "Who is the Professional Lawyer? In Pursuit of Atticus Finch."

February 25, 2011 OLI Program (Medford)
"Jury Trials." Presenter with Rick Stone and Chris Dominic

December 10, 2010 OSB Program on Professionalism (OSB Center in Tigard)
"Polishing the Edges: Perspective on Professionalism from the Bench and Bar."
Principal organizer and presenter. Keynote address: Chief Justice Paul DeMuniz.

October 28, 2010, Oregon Trial Advocacy College. Hatfield Federal Courthouse.
"What are Judges Looking for in the Advocates Who Appear Before Them?"
Served on panel with Judges Ann Aiken, Anna Brown, John Acosta and Janice Wilson.

December 5, 2008 OSB Program on Professionalism (OSB Center in Tigard)
"Promoting the Standards of Professionalism and Civility." Principal organizer and presenter. Keynote address: Michael S. Greco, former President of the ABA.

July 11, 2008 OSB Leadership College Program. Pendleton, Or
Principle organizer and speaker: "Leadership in Sustainability and The Environment."

April 2, 2005. Oregon State Bar Criminal Law Section. Hatfield Federal Courthouse.
Speaker. "Professionalism and Ethics: Where's the Line in Criminal Law?"

January 17, 2003. Oregon State Bar Leadership Conference. Salem, Or.
Speaker and Panelist. "Can't we all just get along?"

October 1995. Organized and moderated, "Torts and Civil Practice" at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland (Oregon State Bar).

November 1991 and November 1992. Organized and moderated "Playing by the Rules," Portland, Or. (PLF and Oregon State Bar)

Judicial Conferences and Training Seminars

2002 to 2012, New Judges Seminar (Presented annually by the OJD). Have trained new Oregon judges on management of the civil jury trial, and the top ten guidelines for becoming good judges.

October 16, 2012 Annual Conference. Planned, presented and moderated a program entitled "What is the Judge's Role in Promoting Principles of Professional Conduct?"

October 19, 2010 OJD Annual Conference. "Jury Reform in the Second Decade: All Set or Reset?" Presenter and panelist with Judges Rosenblum and Dailey, and Professor Shari Diamond.

October 21, 2009 OJD Annual Conference. "Legislative update." Presenter and panelist.

July 13, 2009 NCJFCJ Annual Conference (Chicago)
Featured Speaker: "What's in a Name? Child Surname Issues."

August 1, 2008 Regional Judicial Conference (Newport, Or)
Speaker: Managing the civil jury trial; focus on juror questions and written Jury instructions

May 18, 2007 Regional Judicial Conference (Ashland, Or) Principle organizer and speaker on jury trial innovations.

October 18, 2005. Oregon Judicial Conference. Salishan, Oregon.
Organized and Moderated a panel discussion on "Promoting Professionalism and Judicial Demeanor." Also: Speaker, with Judge Doug Mitchell on methods for reducing jury instructions to written form.

April 8, 2005. Oregon Judicial Department CLE. Ashland, Oregon.
Principal organizer and speaker. "How do we improve the Professional Conduct of Judges? The Patient and Professional Use of Judicial Power when Dealing with Inappropriate Conduct in the Courtroom."

May 14, 2004. Oregon Judicial Department CLE. Bend, Oregon.
Speaker. "Managing the Complex Civil Case."

May 9, 2003. Oregon Judicial Department CLE. Ashland, Oregon. Principal organizer and speaker. "Promoting Professionalism and Dealing Effectively with Unprofessional Conduct of Lawyers."

October 20, 2002. Circuit Court Judges Asso. CLE Salishan, Oregon.
Speaker. "Innovations to the Jury Trial – Thinking Outside the Jury Box."

Oct 12, 2000. 2nd Western Regional Conference on State-Federal Judicial Relations. Tucson, Az. Selected by the Chief Justice to attend and participate in the presentation on "Jury Trends and Innovations."

Professional Organizations

June 2000. OADC Summer Convention at Sunriver. Speaker, with Chief Justice Carson, on "Proposed Jury Innovations."

August 12, 1999. OTLA Convention at Sunriver Speaker with Judge Marco Hernandez, on "Proposed Jury Innovations."

Local Bar Associations and Community Associations

September 15, 2010. Jackson County Bar CLE. Medford, Oregon.

Speaker: "Who is the Professional Lawyer?"

1990-1992 and from 1998-2006. Created and moderated a cable TV series called "The People's Law Forum." The series included seven to ten one hour programs each year, devoted to educating the public about different areas of the law.

2007 to present. Make presentation each year before the graduate student workshop entitled "Mediation and Conflict Management." Sponsored by the Department of Communications at Southern Oregon University.

March 16, 2006. Rogue Valley Legal Secretaries Association. Annual Meeting.

Speaker. "Promoting Professionalism."

December 21, 2005. Jackson County Bar CLE. Medford, Oregon.

Speaker. "How can Attorneys and Judges Improve Professional Conduct?"

October 20, 2005. Combined Washington Co. and Columbia Co. Bars CLE, St. Helens, Oregon. Speaker. "Promoting Professionalism in the 21st Century."

February - April, 2005. Jackson County Courts. Medford. Oregon.

Speaker at three different CLE sessions on evaluating divorce cases, property division, evidentiary hearings and custody trials.

December 8, 2004. Jackson County Bar CLE. Medford, Oregon.

Speaker with William Carter. "Professionalism in the Practice of Law."
"The New Rules of Professional Conduct."

January 8, 2003. Jackson County Bar CLE. Medford, Oregon.

Speaker, "Professionalism in the Courtroom."

December 12, 2001. Jackson County Bar CLE. Medford, Oregon

Speaker. "Professionalism in the Courts."

November 1, 2001. The Rogue Women's Lawyers Association. Jacksonville, Oregon.

Speaker. "Evidence and Ethics."

October 4, 2001. Southern Oregon Federal Bar Association CLE at Running Y Resort. 2001 Federal Court Odyssey Panelist, "Choosing a State or Federal Forum for Civil Litigation."

June 9, 2000. OSB New Lawyers Division CLE. Ashland, Oregon.

Speaker, "Ethics and Courtroom Conduct."

August 19, 1999. OSB New Lawyers Division CLE. Jacksonville, Oregon. Speaker,

“Ethics in the 21st Century.”

April 30, 1999. Southern Oregon Federal Bar Association CLE, Running Y Resort. The Federal Court Now and in the Next Millennium.” Presenter: “Distinctions between the Federal and State Rules of Civil Procedure.” Panelist: “Obstruction of Justice.”

Law Schools

2002 to 2012 (University of Oregon School of Law). Since 2002, have been speaking every year at the law school orientation in August and before the legal ethics class taught by Professor Lininger in the spring, on the importance of professionalism.

2004 to 2012 (Willamette University College of Law). Since 2004, have regularly participated in the orientation program by speaking on the importance of professionalism.

2004 to 2012 (Northwest School of Law). Since 2004, have regularly participated in the orientation program by speaking on the importance of professionalism.

February 22, 2007, University of Oregon Law School
Speaker on practice of law in rural communities