

Suzanne Chanti

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EDUCATION

University of Oregon; School of Law, Eugene, Oregon, J.D., 1988

Southern Oregon State University, Ashland, Oregon, B.S. in history and political science with highest distinction, 1984

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

United States Supreme Court
Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
US District Court, District Of Oregon
Oregon State

EMPLOYMENT

February 2010-present Lane County Circuit Court Judge

Private Practice Attorney:

2007-2010 Shareholder, Chanti & Middleton, P.C.

1992-2007 Shareholder in predecessor firms including Chanti & Zennaché, P.C.,
Walters, Chanti & Zennaché, P.C. and Walters, Romm & Chanti, P.C.

1988-1992 Associate, Swanson & Walters, P.C.

As an attorney I primarily represented plaintiffs in employment and civil rights litigation and provided employment advice and litigation defense to select businesses. As City Attorney for Gold Beach and Drain I provided advice and representation on a wide range of general and municipal law issues.

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Oregon Circuit Court Judges Association

2011-present Criminal Law Committee
2011-present Civil Law Committee

Federal Bar

2008-2010 Co-Chair, Lawyer Representative, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference
2008-2010 District Court Local Rules Committee
2006-2010 Federal Bar Association
1997-2008 Master, American Inns of Court #95

Oregon State Bar

2007-2010 Board of Directors, Professional Liability Fund
2005-2006 Local Professional Responsibility Committee
1997-2000 Local Professional Responsibility Committee (Chair 1999-2000)
1996-1997 House of Delegates
1992-1995 Affirmative Action Committee

Lane County Bar

1990-2010 Employment Law Section
1990-2010 Federal Court Committee
1993-1995 Board of Directors
1989-1995 Lane County Women Lawyers Mentoring Project
1989-1995 Executive Committee, Lane County Women Lawyers
1990-1993 Program Committee (Chair 1992-1993)

Other Legal Organizations

1992-2010 National Employment Lawyers Association
1991-2010 Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (Board of Directors 1998-2000)
1990-Present Oregon Women Lawyers Association
1988-2010 Volunteer, Lane County Legal Aid
1988-2010 Volunteer, Senior Law Services at Lane County Legal Aid
1992-1999 Board of Directors, Lane County Public Defenders

Community Volunteer Activities

2001-2006	Board of Directors, Mobility International USA (International disabilities rights advocacy organization)
1992-1996	Commissioner, Executive Committee, Oregon Disabilities Commission (Appointed by Governors Roberts and Kitzhaber)
1990-1992	Board of Directors, Eugene Ballet Company

TEACHING

2007, 2009	"Employment Issues for Small Employers;" Small Business Class; Umpqua Community College
1995, 1997, 1999	Instructor, Trial Practice Workshop; University of Oregon School of Law

PUBLICATIONS

2011	Chanti, S; View From the Bench; Oregon Trial Lawyer Magazine.
2006	Chanti, S.; A Reluctant Hero, Oregon Trial Lawyer Magazine
2002	Walters, M. and Chanti, S.; When the Only Way to Equal is to Acknowledge Difference: <i>PGA Tour, Inc. v. Martin</i> ; Brandeis Law Journal, Spring, 2002, Vol. 40
2000	Chanti, S.; Civil Rights Law: Significant Cases Impacting Employment Law; Oregon Trial Lawyer Magazine
1989	Swanson, L. and Chanti, S.; OSB Damages CLE, Land Sales Contracts

REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKING

2011	Federal Bar Association; "Crossing The Bridge: State and Federal Practice;" Judges panel.
2008	Oregon County Counsel Association, Annual Conference; "Constitutional Conflicts In Public Employment"
2008	Oregon State Bar Civil Rights Section; "The First Amendment After Garcetti"
2007	Oregon State Bar 14 th Annual litigation institute and retreat; "Using the Ancient Art of Rhetoric in Litigation."
2007	Inns of Court CLE "2007 Legislative Changes"
2007	Oregon State Bar Civil Rights Section; "Proving Motive and Intent In Employment and Civil Rights Cases"
2007	Advanced Torts Class, University of Oregon School of Law; "Practical Tips"
2006	Oregon State Bar CLE; "101 Things About Civil Law Practice"
2006	Oregon School of Law Pro Bono Award Ceremony; "Celebrate Your Work And Do Some More"

2002 Oregon Law Institute; "Establishing And Enhancing Your Trial Techniques"

2001 Oregon State Bar CLE; "Family Medical Leave Act/Oregon Family Leave Act"

2001 University of Oregon School of Law; "Making A Difference: Public Justice Work In The Law"