

Wanted: OCDLA Visionaries

The Mantle of Leadership

OCDLA needs savvy leaders with energy and passion for helping the Association maximize its potential as the best organization of its kind in the nation. Consider yourself a perfect candidate if you have a long-term vision for the Association, an interest in policy development, an aptitude for fundraising, and a willingness to “roll up your sleeves.” Plus, help guide OCDLA into its 40th Anniversary next year!

OCDLA History

OCDLA was incorporated in 1979 by a group of dedicated criminal defense lawyers committed to improving the quality of defense services and protecting the constitutional and legal rights of Oregon citizens.

OCDLA's membership has grown from 27 members in 1979 to 1,244. No similar organization in the nation can match these membership numbers per capita. OCDLA's growth is due to the work of dedicated board members past and present, a talented staff, and the unrelenting quest for excellence driven by the Association's members. In Fiscal Year 1979/80, OCDLA's first full year of operation, eighty percent of the \$40,000 operating budget came from federal grant funds. That funding source dried up in less than two years. Today's budget pushes one million dollars, with ninety-nine percent coming directly from the membership.

Fundraising Campaigns

The organization needs member support beyond dues, seminars and publication sales in order to maintain services, legislative advocacy, and scholarships. Board members play roles in securing financial backing.

After 34 years of leasing space, five years ago OCDLA purchased its own home located in the heart of Eugene. Now remodeled and occupied for the past 58 months, Board members will continue to assist in raising money to help pay down the mortgage and permanently secure a major milestone for the organization.

The Board also helps secure auction items to support our legislative efforts and participates in scholarship fundraising drives.

Election Eligibility

OCDLA will elect members to the [Board of Directors](#) for Districts 1, 2, 4, and the At-large seat during the 2018 Annual Conference at the Mt. Bachelor Village in Bend. There are 14 Directors on the Board.

BOARD DUTIES AND COMMITMENTS

- Actively participate in the Association's fundraising efforts which include:
 - 1) Personally Giving
 - 2) Legacy Giving
 - 3) Selling raffle tickets and promoting other activities to support our legislative program
 - 4) Acquiring auction items twice a year
 - 5) Soliciting donations from other members
- Attend five board meetings per year, typically in conjunction with an OCDLA seminar.
- Attend a three-day planning and budget retreat in July.
- Attend seminars, webinars and special events.
- Participate in conference calls as scheduled.
- Write a “Board Perspective” column for The Oregon Defense Attorney. Board President writes the “View From Here” in every issue.
- Support OCDLA generally, encourage member participation and seminar attendance.
- Serve as an ambassador to the community, educate others and promote our work.
- Accept fiduciary responsibility for the Association and oversee its financial health and integrity.

If you are a private attorney and you work in Districts 1, 2, or 4, you are eligible to run for one of the district positions. Any private attorney from any district may run for the At-large position. (See the [OCDLA Bylaws](#) for more information.)

Candidates / Districts Up for Election

- **District 1:** Currently held by Dick Garbutt, who has declared his candidacy for second term.
- **District 2:** Currently held by Elizabeth Baker, who has declared her candidacy for second term.
- **District 4:** Currently held by Jennifer Robins, who has declared her candidacy for second term.
- **At-large:** Currently held by Neal Weingart, who has declared his candidacy for second term.

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Visit the [Board Page](#) on the OCDLA website to view and/or download a board district map.

This is your chance to throw your hat in the ring and become more involved, help shape the Association's future, and share your talents and vision.

Candidate Statement and Photo

Nominees are encouraged to submit a candidate statement (500-word maximum) and photo to OCDLA by **May 2**. The statement and photo will be posted on the OCDLA website and included in the June/July issue of the *Oregon Defense Attorney*, published prior to the Annual Conference. Subjects to consider for your statement: why you wish to serve on the OCDLA board, relevant board experience, fundraising experience, articles or writings published relating to substantive or procedural criminal law, speaking engagements relating to substantive or procedural criminal law, and how you think OCDLA could better serve its members.

Nominating Procedure

To be included on the printed ballot complete the Board of Directors Nomination Form below and return it to OCDLA, 101 East 14th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401 by **June 11**. You may also

Important Dates

May 2 — Deadline to submit candidate statement and photo for the next issue of *The Oregon Defense Attorney*.

June 11 — Deadline to declare and appear on the printed ballot.

June 15 — Candidate statements and voting at Annual Conference.

Check OCDLA.org for election information.

telephone your nominations to OCDLA Executive Director Shaun McCrea at (541) 686-8716 or email smccrea@ocdla.org by **June 13**.

Ballots are distributed to qualified voting members at the June 14–16 Annual Conference. Candidates will present statements to attendees on June 15 and voting takes place directly after. 



2018 OCDLA Board of Directors Nomination Form

I want to nominate myself for an OCDLA Board seat in District #: 1 2 4 At-large

My Name: _____

I want to nominate the following private bar member(s) for an OCDLA Board seat.
(You may nominate more than one person.)

My Name: _____

District #: 1 2 4 At-large

Nominee

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DEADLINES Nominations must be made by **5 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018**, to be included on the printed ballot which is distributed to qualified voting members at the June 14–16 Annual Conference. Voting takes place on Friday, June 15.

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