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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00–8:25 am ■ **Virtual Coffee Social**
- 8:25–8:30 am ■ **Welcome, announcements, and introduction**
- 8:30–9:30 am ■ **Status of Trials in State and Federal Courts and Tips for Remote Appearances**
JUDGE YOULEE YIM YOU, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
JUDGE ANGELA FRANCO LUCERO, MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE
DIANE LENKOWSKY, ASSOCIATE, BULLIVANT HOUSER
ROYCE WILLIAMS, ASSOCIATE, BRISBEE & STOCKTON
In today's constantly-changing landscape, it is necessary to stay informed about the latest developments regarding trials. Learn about the current status of state and federal trials, including jury selection, courtroom set up, and exhibit presentation. Presenters will also share tips for making your best case remotely, whether it is for a trial or hearing.
- 9:30–10:30 am ■ **The Statute of Limitations During the State of Emergency**
MELANIE ROSE, PARTNER, SMITH FREED EBERHARD
ROCKY DALLUM, PARTNER, TONKON TORP
SKIP WINTERS, PARTNER, BODYFELT MOUNT
Pandemic Fallout and Filings: A presentation on the tolled and extended statutes of limitations, legislative updates, and expected claims related to the pandemic, including employment related claims related to medical and religious vaccination exemptions and business interruption claims.
- 10:30–10:45 am ■ **Break**

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10:45-11:45 am

■ **What was Old is New Again: Adjustments Back to In-Person Practice Post-COVID**

KIMBERLEE MORROW, PARTNER, HART WAGNER

ANTHONY KUCHULIS, PARTNER, LITTLER MENDELSON

As COVID restrictions ease toward what will hopefully be their final end, everyone's practice is shifting back to business as (un)usual. Experienced employment lawyers Kimberlee Morrow and Anthony Kuchulis will provide updates on, and insights into, how best to adjust office management as we and our staff return to the office in increasing numbers. Kim and Anthony will offer their adroit perspectives as informed counselors to their clients and practitioners engaged in the transition of their own firms.

11:45 am-12:00 pm

■ **Break**

12:00-1:00 pm

■ **Networking and Marketing in the Virtual Age**

ANGELA MEYER, PHD, PE

SHARLA FROST, LITIGATOR

ABRA COOPER, DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA LLC

This CLE will address virtual client relationships, and the importance of having a systematic approach to networking and building your own book of business.

1:00-2:30 pm

■ **Mindfulness 101: Why and How to Get Started**

JOHN DEVLIN, FOUNDER, DEVLIN LAW

Have you heard about mindfulness but you're not really sure what it is or how to get started? John Devlin, of Devlin Law PC, will provide an introduction to mindfulness and how it can help lawyers deal with the challenges presented by our stressful profession. Topics will include the emerging scientific research into the benefits of mindfulness and practical tips on how to get started. No prior experience is necessary – this CLE is geared toward anyone with curiosity about the topic.

2:30-2:45 pm

■ **Break**

2:45-4:00 pm

■ **Changing Demographics and Changing Needs: Leading the Next Generation of Lawyers**

ALLIE BOYD, ASSOCIATE, DAVIS ROTHWELL EARLE & XOCHIHUA

DAVID WADE, OREGON STATE BAR PRESIDENT

REBECCA IVANOFF, JD, ASSISTANT DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON LAW SCHOOL

The legal community in Oregon is becoming increasingly diverse. Women continue to outnumber men in law school enrollment and law students come from all demographics. Lawyers trained during the pandemic are tech-savvy, adaptable, and have different needs and expectations around work-life balance. How do we create work spaces where they can thrive? How do we prepare them for future leadership roles? How do we keep them in Oregon? Hear ideas from a six-year lawyer, a law school dean, and an Oregon State Bar President.

SPEAKERS

ALLIE BOYD



Allie Boyd is a sixth year associate with Davis Rothwell Earle & Xochihua. Allie is licensed in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, and practices in a variety of areas including insurance defense, construction defect, employment, and product liability. Allie is also an active member of OADC and is the Publications Liaison for the Women in Law practice group. Allie came to Oregon to attend Lewis & Clark Law School and decided to make this state her home. As a law student, Allie tried her first cases and argued her first appeal at the Lewis & Clark Legal Clinic and the U.S. Attorney's Office. After graduating with honors, Allie has continued to represent clients in state and federal courts in all three states.

ABRA COOPER



Abra Cooper is Corporate Counsel for Daimler Trucks North America LLC, where she provides legal advice on a wide variety of commercial matters. She previously served as in house counsel for other Portland-based companies, each within a different industry, which allowed Abra to become adept at pivoting to meet business needs and to develop a broad and diverse practice. Prior to moving in house, Abra was an associate at a Portland law firm, focusing her practice on intellectual property and commercial litigation. Abra was born and raised in Portland, has a Bachelor of Arts in History from Whitman College and earned her J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law.

ROCKY DALLUM



Rocky is a partner in the firm's Government Relations & Public Policy Practice Group. His practice includes strategic counsel and direct advocacy for corporate and nonprofit clients engaging Oregon's legislative and executive branches. Rocky is particularly active in the areas of tax policy, life sciences, and natural resources.

Before joining Tonkon Torp, Rocky worked for nearly five years as in-house counsel at a large, public manufacturing company. There, he advised business clients on general corporate matters, labor and employment law, and mergers and acquisitions. Rocky has also served as a legislative director, campaign manager, and outreach director for organizations in Oregon and Idaho.

JOHN DEVLIN



John Devlin is a civil rights lawyer and mediator. During his career, he has worked as a commercial litigator, local prosecutor, plaintiff's trial lawyer, and federal judicial clerk at the trial and appellate level. That background allows him to mediate any type of civil case. John serves on the board of Portland Homeless Family Solutions, a nonprofit organization that helps families experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. He graduated with Honors from The University of Chicago Law School, where he was a member of the University of Chicago Law Review and worked for the MacArthur Justice Center.

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SHARLA J. FROST



Sharla J. Frost grew up on a cattle ranch in Frogville, Oklahoma, then fought for justice in courthouses across America. Sharla is recognized for her work on improving diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. Among other activities, she has served as the President of Litigation Counsel of America, been elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates, been active on several committees for the National Association of Women Lawyers, including service on the Committee for the Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees. Recognized as a Texas SuperLawyer each year from 2005 to 2020, she has also been repeatedly listed as one of less than five lawyers across the United States in the Spotlight Table for mass tort asbestos litigation by the esteemed international ranking organization Chambers and Partners. She was identified as the 2018 Houston Lawyer of the Year (Products Liability Litigation-Defendants) by the Best Lawyers in America.

Equally comfortable on both the dusty roads of the Red River bottoms and the busy streets of Manhattan, Sharla brings a mix of country girl common sense flavored by big city sophistication to topics ranging from agriculture to opera. She comes from a long line of story tellers and honed her own skills during her three decades of trial work. She writes to share her experience, and experiences, with both friends and colleagues. By the way, in her view, everyone is either a friend or a colleague.

Sharla recently retired from the wrestling ring of civil litigation. She now splits her time between her home in Houston, Texas and Frogsailles, her ranch near Frogville.

REBECCA IVANOFF



Rebecca Ivanoff serves as Assistant Dean for Career Planning and Professional Development at the University of Oregon School of Law. In that role, she leads a team of professionals dedicated to supporting students and graduates in the pursuit of their unique career goals.

Dean Ivanoff began her career as a business litigator with Miller Nash, LLP in Portland, Oregon, before joining the Lane County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney. As a prosecutor, she specialized in domestic violence cases and later carried a major crimes caseload while managing the Juvenile Department. During law school, she clerked for the Hardcore Gang Unit in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and worked as an extern for the Honorable Charles M. Zennaché. In addition to her work at the law school, Dean Ivanoff serves as a pro tem judge for the Lane County Circuit Court. She is a past Chair of the Oregon State Bar Diversity Section's Executive Committee and holds leadership roles with the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) and various state bar committees.

ANTHONY D. KUCHULIS



Anthony D. Kuchulis is a top-rated attorney practicing in the Portland, Oregon area. Providing legal representation in Oregon for a variety of different issues, Anthony Kuchulis was selected to Rising Stars for 2014 - 2021. He is admitted to practice before the courts in Oregon.

After completing undergraduate studies, Anthony D. Kuchulis attended law school. Anthony Kuchulis was enrolled at Lewis & Clark Law School. He earned a juris doctor degree in 2008. Anthony Kuchulis was admitted to the practice of law in 2008.

Attorneys like Anthony D. Kuchulis are recognized by their peers for their outstanding work and commitment to the spirit of the legal profession. Their knowledge of the law, professional work ethic, and advocacy on behalf of their clients allow them to stand out among other attorneys in the field.

Anthony Kuchulis represents clients with Employment Litigation: Defense issues. Additional legal issues represented include Business / Corporate, Employment & Labor: Employer and E-Discovery.

DIANE LENKOWSKY



Diane Lenkowsky is a litigation associate with Bullivant Houser in their casualty department. She works on a wide range of civil litigation matters spanning property disputes, municipal, products liability, and personal injury disputes.

JUDGE ANGELA FRANCO LUCERO



The Honorable Angela Franco Lucero was appointed to the bench by Governor Kate Brown and was sworn in as a circuit court judge on September 16, 2019. She is assigned to the court's general trial docket, presiding over both civil and criminal matters.

Judge Lucero was born and raised in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She earned her Bachelor of Criminal Justice and her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from New Mexico State University in May 2000. She earned her J.D. from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College in May 2003. She began her legal career as an associate for the Law Office of Tom Kranovich. In 2009 she became a member and manager of Kranovich & Lucero, LLC. Judge Lucero's legal practice focused on defending civil litigation claims. She represented clients in bodily injury, property damage and insurance coverage disputes. She represented individual clients, insurance companies and self-insured public bodies. As an attorney she continuously strived to be a better attorney, colleague, mentor and future leader within the profession and the community.

ANGELA STEFFEN MEYER, PHD, PE



Dr. Angela Meyer is Director of Meyer | Vorst Consultants, a women-owned business development, strategic recruiting and executive coaching firm based in the Dallas/ Ft. Worth area. Dr. Meyer has more than 30 years of experience providing business development and marketing for professional services firms. She has trained over 250 consultants in the "art" of the sale and building their professional brand and network. Most recently she was Vice President, Client Services at Exponent, a leading international forensic engineering, health, environmental and scientific consulting firm. She was President and CEO of the Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC), a specialty bar association focusing on complex litigation and regulatory issues in the area of product development and product liability. She is well-known in the legal community and has spoken at NAMWOLF, the American Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute, numerous regional bar associations as well as at Women in the Environment. She is also a member of several public and private boards of directors.

KIMBERLEE MORROW



Kimberlee has more than twenty years of experience defending employers throughout the state of Oregon against all types of employment claims in both state and federal courts. She has represented public entities as well as private sector employers providing litigation defense, advise, counsel and pre-litigation strategies, as well as conducting employment trainings, investigations and employment policy review.

Her litigation practice focuses on various types of tort actions, including sexual discrimination and harassment, retaliation, hostile work environment, ADA, Section 1983 claims, and various complex employment law actions. She has also served as outside counsel for a number of public and private sector clients providing ongoing counsel with a particular focus on medical clinics. She has provided counsel to these entities on a myriad of issues including employment strategies, policy review, peer review, prelitigation counsel, confidential workplace investigations, and employment separation issues.

MELANIE ROSE



Before joining Smith Freed Eberhard, Melanie handled first-party insurance claims including claims related to PIP, UM/UIM, bad faith, and consumer protection act claims on behalf of insurance carriers. Melanie also has experience handling insurance subrogation matters. This high-volume practice placed a premium on efficiency, diligence, and energy that has carried over into her current practice.

In law school, Melanie won awards for both client advocacy and legal writing. Some of Melanie's first experiences in the legal community were volunteering for the Washington County Family Law Assistance Program and working at the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic.

DAVID WADE



David Wade is the 2021 President of the Oregon State Bar. He was a business trial lawyer in Eugene for 23 years and is now in house at DCIPA Physician Services, LLC. For the first 16 years of his career, he practiced antitrust litigation in big cities around the country. He is a 1973 graduate of Harvard College and a 1976 graduate of Harvard Law School.

ROYCE WILLIAMS



Royce grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. During his time in college, Royce worked on several political campaigns in Georgia ranging from state senators to U.S. Representatives. While in law school, he worked as a logistics manager for Target and helped to construct and arrange the stock rooms for the Target store where he worked. Royce graduated from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College in 2015.

Royce is a trial attorney with a primary focus on defending professional and general liability claims, including claims against individuals, general contractors, subcontractors, businesses, physicians and nonprofit organizations. He also defends general liability cases including transportation, premises and product liability claims for national "big box" warehouses and retailers.

ERIC "SKIP" WINTERS



Eric "Skip" Winters is a fifth-generation Oregonian, raised in the Willamette Valley. He divides his time and energy between providing experienced and efficient representation for his clients and exploring all of the outdoor activities that Oregon has to offer with his family. In spite of his "offensive lineman" build, Skip is an avid cyclist and has participated in the week-long Cycle Oregon rides and the two-day Seattle to Portland ride many times (much to the delight of cyclists who draft in his wake). He has also managed to stumble his way to the finish of a half-dozen half-marathons in the last couple of years.

When not outdoors, Skip is an amateur baker, often using the firm as a "test kitchen" for new bread, cake, and pastry recipes.

JUDGE YOULEE YIM YOU



Prior to her appointment to the federal bench in 2016, Judge You served as a Multnomah County Circuit Court judge for almost 10 years. Judge You has extensive experience presiding over jury trials and all phases of litigation in a wide range of civil cases. She is the recipient of a number of awards, including the Oregon State Bar's Award for Judicial Excellence, Multnomah Bar Association's Award of Merit, and National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Trailblazer Award.