



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

School of Law

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## Dear Law Alumni and Friends:

We have kicked off 2022 with many inspiring efforts! We are helping to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable Oregonians, our alumni are rising to new judicial heights, and our faculty is growing and excelling in teaching, research, and service. I'm delighted to share these highlights with you, which demonstrate the power of Oregon Law to drive positive change.



### Oregon Law answers AG's call for eviction legal assistance

On January 28, 2022, the White House and the Department of Justice announced that 99 law school deans responded to the Attorney General's Call to Action to the Legal Profession to address the housing and eviction crisis. **We are honored to be among the law schools answering the call.**

In just a few months, law students across the country dedicated nearly 81,000 hours to provide legal assistance to households and communities across the country. This past year, Oregon Law students' work has met the community need in a variety of ways:

- Two new cohorts of law students worked with Springfield Eugene Tenants Association (SETA) to provide information to callers facing eviction and other housing issues about their rights and resources for rent assistance and legal support.
- Two students who started as hotline volunteers have joined the board of SETA and engage in state-wide advocacy efforts.
- Eleven students have completed externships at legal aid offices around the state of Oregon and with local nonprofits on housing matters related to the eviction crisis.
- A team of students is teaching renter's rights classes as part of St. Vincent dePaul's Second Chance Renter Education program, which assists people who are transitioning back into housing.

In addition, the **Environmental Natural Resources Law Center** is co-sponsoring the Housing Land Advocates' Annual Conference "**Climate Resilience or Housing Justice and Other False Choices.**" March 11 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

This one-day online conference will explore the future of fair and affordable housing within the contexts of the climate crisis and land use law's legacy of racial exclusion and oppression.



### Oregon judicial appointments

Congratulations to the Oregon Law alumni who were recently appointed to Oregon judicial positions. Governor Kate Brown appointed Judge **Roger J. DeHoog**, JD '92, to the **Oregon Supreme Court**. Judge DeHoog joins the Oregon Supreme Court with another Oregon Law alum, current Chief Justice Martha L. Walters, JD '77.

Governor Brown also recently appointed three other Oregon Law alums to the bench: **Anna M. Joyce**, JD '01, to the state court of appeals; **Celia Howes**, JD '03, to the Multnomah County Circuit Court; and **Miranda S. Summer**, JD '07, to the Washington County Circuit Court.



### Innovative faculty

Our talented faculty are engaged in important scholarly research and work that underpins the teaching of law. Please enjoy the most recent **Faculty Scholarship** booklet.



### New business law faculty

We are pleased to announce that **Andrew Winden** will join the **business law faculty** in Fall 2022. He comes to us from the University of Florida Levin College of Law where he teaches Corporations, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Securities Regulation. Winden's scholarship focuses on corporate governance, securities regulation, and climate change. His work has been published in *The Business Lawyer*, the *Columbia Business Law Review*, and the *Virginia Law & Business Review*.



### Returning faculty

We are excited to welcome back **Greg Dotson**, JD '95, assistant professor of law. Dotson returns from a leave of absence during which he held the position of Chief Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. He had firsthand experience in shaping the recently passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. We look forward to hearing from him on this amazing opportunity and what it will mean to our region, the nation, and the world.

In addition, we are thrilled to welcome back Professor of Practice **Garrett Epps**. He will be teaching Constitutional Law. Professor Epps is a distinguished scholar and journalist who was a beloved member of the Oregon Law faculty until 2008, when he became a professor of law at the University of Baltimore.

### Faculty awards and achievements

**President of the Order of the Coif**  
Merle Weiner, Philip H. Knight Professor

**Orlando Hollis Teaching Award**  
Elizabeth Frost, Associate Clinical Professor

**UO Fund for Faculty Excellence Award**  
Jennifer Reynolds, Professor, Associate Dean of Faculty Research and Programs, and Faculty Director of the ADR Center

**Oregon State Bar President's Sustainability Award**  
Mary Wood, Philip H. Knight Professor and Faculty Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center

Best,

**Marcilynn A. Burke**

*Dean and Dave Frohnmayer Chair in Leadership and Law*



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### Upcoming Events (all times Pacific)

- March 3-6**  
**PIELC**  
Virtual
- March 11**  
**Housing Land Advocates' Annual Conference "Climate Resilience or Housing Justice and Other False Choices."**  
8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Virtual
- March 26**  
**2022 Minoru Yasui Day "Taking a Stand Against Racism and Discrimination"**  
Virtual (free, but must register in advance)  
1:00 to 3:00 pm
- April 8**  
**Frohnmayer Public Service Event**  
Embassy Suites, Downtown Portland  
5:30 to 7:30 pm
- April 8**  
**100 Years of Oregon Law Review**  
Noon to 3:00 pm
- May 21**  
**JD and LLM Commencements**  
Matthew Knight Arena  
1:00 pm



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