

## Oregon State Bar 2019 Legislative Priorities

- 1. Support Court Funding. Support for adequate funding for Oregon's courts.
  - **Citizens Campaign for Court Funding.** Support the statewide coalition of citizens, business and community groups formed to ensure adequate and stable court funding.
  - **Court Facilities Funding.** Work with the legislature and the courts to make critical improvements to Oregon's court facilities.
  - Judicial and Staff Resources. Support the request for additional judges and staff to ensure access to justice.
- 2. Support legal services for low-income Oregonians.
  - Civil Legal Services.
    - Increase the current level of funding for low income legal services.
  - Indigent Defense.
    - Public Defense Services. Constitutionally and statutorily required representation of financially qualified individuals in Oregon's criminal and juvenile justice systems:
      - Ensure funding sufficient to support adequate compensation for publicly funded attorneys in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.
      - Support reduced caseloads for attorneys representing parents and children.
      - Support efforts to ensure the right to counsel for adults at the trial level in Oregon.
- 3. Support OSB 2019 Law Improvement Package and continue to engage with ongoing legislative work group and task force proposals.