

## Oregon State Bar 2024 Legislative Priorities

- **1. Support Court Funding.** Continued support for stable funding for Oregon's courts.
  - Advocate that the Legislative Assembly enhance funding to provide needed court services, support suitable and sufficient court facilities, work to attract and retain high quality judges, and support the work of the Oregon Judicial Department to improve justice for all Oregonians.
- 2. Support legal services for lower income Oregonians.
  - **Civil Legal Services.** Legal assistance and representation for financially qualified individuals in Oregon's civil justice system.
    - Request that Congress and the President of the United States make a genuine commitment to equal justice by adequately funding the Legal Services Corporation, which provides federal support for statewide integrated civil legal aid;
    - Work with Oregon's legal aid programs, the Campaign for Equal Justice and immigration legal service providers to preserve and increase state funding for legal aid and explore other sources of new funding.
  - Indigent Defense. Constitutionally and statutorily required representation of financially qualified individuals in Oregon's criminal and juvenile justice systems:
    - O Partner with stakeholders in support of a healthy and functioning justice system for all Oregonians, including a robust public defense system.
- 3. Track and engage on legislation per 2024 Oregon State Bar Legislative Guidelines.