

DISTRICT OF OREGON 2024 CONFERENCE SPEAKER AND MODERATOR BIOGRAPHIES



Nathaniel Aggrey

Nathaniel Aggrey is a Trial Attorney at the Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ), where he defends the State of Oregon and its officers and employees in civil cases filed in state and federal court.

The cases assigned to the ODOJ Trial Division cover a variety of subjects, including: Negligence and other tort claims for money damages, breach of contract and commercial actions, suits for declaratory and injunctive relief, Inmate civil rights, and employment litigation.

Hon. Stacie F. Beckerman

Judge Beckerman was appointed to serve as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in January 2015. Prior to joining the bench, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon (Criminal Division), and as an Assistant Attorney General at the Oregon Department of Justice (Appellate Division). Prior to government service, Judge Beckerman worked for many years as a litigator at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP. She has taught criminal law courses at both Lewis and Clark Law School and the University of Oregon School of Law. Judge Beckerman earned her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1998, graduated from the University of Caitlin Clark in 1995, and recently returned to school to earn a master's degree in international human rights law from the University of Oxford in 2023.



Hon. Trish Brown

Judge Brown was appointed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on December 3, 1999. She was licensed to practice law in Oregon in 1982, in Washington in 1986, and in Virginia in 1981. She was certified in business bankruptcies by the American Board of Certification in 1993. While in private practice, Judge Brown focused on bankruptcy and corporate reorganization, representing primarily creditors in all types of bankruptcies, defending preference and other avoidance actions and pursuing non-dischargeable debts for creditors; loan workouts and foreclosures; and real estate transactions; and she acted as a mediator and arbitrator in all aspects of debtor-creditor, real estate, and contract disputes.

Judge Brown was a member and past chair of the Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section, a member of the Washington State Bar Association Creditor-Debtor Section, and a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute. Judge Brown served as editor and author of the Oregon State Bar publication on Bankruptcy in 1989 and Supplements in 1992 and 1995. Judge Brown attended Washington & Lee University to receive her JD, and the University of Pennsylvania for her bachelor's degree.

Jessica Collins

Jessica is a Senior Attorney in the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice. Jessica joined the U.S. Sentencing Commission in 2023. Before joining the Commission, Jessica was an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland, where she served as the Deputy Chief of the Southern Division. Jessica was also a Trial Attorney with the Fraud Section, Criminal Division, of the U.S. Department of Justice and worked as an attorney in private practice. Jessica received her undergraduate degree from Tulane University.





Nadia Dahab

Nadia is a skilled trial and appellate advocate. She represents individuals in consumer, civil rights, and class action litigation, and loves an opportunity to use her formidable writing skills and her courtroom grit to develop trial and appellate strategies.

Before joining Sugerman Dahab, Nadia served as Senior Litigation Attorney for the Portland nonprofit Innovation Law Lab, where she was co-lead and class counsel on several complex matters challenging Presidential and federal agency actions seeking to restrict the rights of immigrants and refugees. Nadia continues to focus her pro bono work on the fight for immigrant and refugee justice. She began her legal practice—and developed many of her litigation skills—at the Portland law firm of Stoll Berne.

Nadia graduated from the University of Oregon and served as a law clerk to Justice Rives Kistler of the Oregon Supreme Court and Judges Mary H. Murguia and Susan P. Graber, both of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Prof. Rebekah N. Hanley

Professor Rebekah Hanley teaches legal writing and professional responsibility at the University of Oregon School of Law. Before joining the Oregon Law faculty in 2004, she clerked for the Honorable Dean Pregerson, Central District of California, and the Honorable Harry Pregerson, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Between those two federal clerkships, Professor Hanley litigated with Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP in Los Angeles. A product of Yale College and UCLA School of Law, Professor Hanley is Oregon Law's current Galen Scholar in Legal Writing; in that capacity, she is studying generative artificial intelligence and its implications for law school teaching and the practice of law.



Misha Isaak

Mr. Isaak has been trusted to litigate Oregon's most significant cases. He has successfully defended the state's congressional redistricting plan in court, obtained an injunction striking down Oregon's ban on marriage for same-sex couples, and represented Governor Kate Brown in brokering favorable settlements of the state government's most important cases during her tenure. He represents clients in state and federal courts, at both the trial and appellate levels, as well as in private arbitrations.

Mr. Isaak handles high-profile, complex litigation involving government and political law, class actions, securities, corporate governance, antitrust, and business torts. He also advises clients and conducts investigations involving employment, professional standards, tribal affairs, and state government. Mr. Isaak also litigates civil rights and constitutional cases involving free speech, equal protection, and privacy for business, nonprofit, and individual clients. In 2014, he led a successful challenge to Oregon's laws excluding same-sex couples from marriage, and then successfully opposed efforts to stop the marriages of same-sex couples at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court.

Hon. Mustafa T. Kasubhai

Judge Kasubhai (he/him) was born and raised in southern California. After graduating from UC Berkeley in 1992, he attended UO Law and received his J.D. in 1996. Judge Kasubhai was appointed to the federal bench in 2018, following 11 years of service as a Lane County Circuit Court Judge. Prior to joining the state bench, Judge Kasubhai practiced plaintiff's civil litigation throughout southern Oregon with offices in Eugene and Klamath Falls, Oregon and served as a member of the Oregon Workers' Compensation Board. His service as a U.S. Magistrate Judge, and prior service as state trial court judge and member of the Oregon Workers' Compensation Board, are marked by a deep dedication to access to justice, including a more diverse and representative legal community.





Mark J. Kimbrell

Mr. Kimbrell is a criminal defense attorney with a particular focus on appeals and law and motions work. His practice is housed at Levine & McHenry LLC, where he serves as Of Counsel. Mark is a member of the Criminal Justice Act appellate panel, and he previously worked as an appellate public defender at the Oregon Public Defense Commission for five years. He began his career as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Rebecca Duncan at the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Kip Manley

Kip Manley, after spending the first half of his life peripatetically wandering about (Alabama, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, both Carolinas, Illinois, Arak [Iran], Puerto Ordaz [Venezuela], Queens [New York City], Boston, and the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts), has spent the second half happily settled in Portland, where he is employed as the Chief Paralegal for the Federal Public Defender for the District of Oregon. He is married to the cartoonist Jenn Manley Lee; together, they are bringing up an aspirant large and exotic animal veterinarian.



William McLaren

Will has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Oregon since 2020. His prosecution casework primarily focuses on child exploitation, environmental and wildlife crimes, and narcotics trafficking. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office full-time, he served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney and Regional Criminal Enforcement Counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), where he prosecuted environmental crimes in the Districts of Oregon and Idaho.

Prior to pivoting to criminal law, Will served as an Assistant Regional Counsel with the EPA, where he advised the agency and brought civil and administrative enforcement actions in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska. Before joining the EPA, Will served as a judicial clerk first to the Honorable Paul Papak and then to the Honorable Michael McShane.

Nathan R. Morales

Nathan Morales is an experienced trial and appellate attorney. In his career, Nathan has navigated a variety of complex business disputes on behalf of clients, focusing primarily on privacy and data security, class-action defense, and policyholder-side insurance litigation. As an appellate attorney, Nathan successfully has briefed and argued in the Oregon Court of Appeals, Oregon Supreme Court, and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. As a member of both the firm's global Privacy and Data Security practice and Litigation group, Nathan counsels and advises a wide range of clients on an array of privacy-related matters, including compliance with GDPR, CalCPA, and other federal and state regulatory regimes, assessment and management of third-party risk, and development of internal programs, policies, and procedures. He regularly advises and represents clients in connection with data breach and security incident planning; preparation and response, including internal investigations, notifications, and public announcements; and regulatory reporting. And he represents businesses and individuals in privacy and data security disputes and litigation, particularly in putative class actions.





Sasha A. Petrova

Sasha is an attorney in Tonkon Torp's Litigation Department. An experienced appellate lawyer, Sasha handles a wide range of appeals at the state and federal levels. In her litigation practice, Sasha helps clients with contract disputes, business tort litigation, and administrative proceedings. She is practiced in all aspects of litigation, including pleadings, discovery, complex motions practice, oral argument, and trial preparation. Sasha's appellate expertise makes her a valuable member of any trial team seeking to preserve issues for appeal. Before joining Tonkon Torp, Sasha was a litigator at a national law firm for five years, focusing on complex civil litigation and appeals. Sasha also served as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Hon. Chris Garrett on

the Oregon Court of Appeals. Her clerking experience gave Sasha fundamental insights into how to best represent clients through the appellate process.

Sasha maintains an active pro bono practice, currently centered on promoting animal rights and raising awareness about domestic violence issues. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Raphael House of Portland, a domestic violence prevention program and shelter.

Douglas Park

Mr. Park is the University of Oregon's Deputy General Counsel, Chief Counsel for the Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact, and Head of Litigation. His prior work includes teaching at the UO law school, and working for a private law firm, the ACLU, the Associated Counsel for the Accused, and the Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ). While at ODOJ, Doug developed the arguments that prevailed in two U.S. Supreme Court cases and received ODOJ's highest professional honor (the Outstanding Achievement Award) for successfully defending the constitutionality of Oregon's laws. He has co-authored articles published in the Willamette Law Review and the Oregon State Bar Criminal Law Manual and served as a presenter on multiple higher education topics, including serving as panelist for the National Association of College and University Attorneys, the American Council on Education, and the Association of Student Conduct Administrators.



Prof. Ofer Raban

Professor Raban teaches Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence, Criminal Investigation, Criminal Law, and an LLM seminar at the University of Oregon. He received his B.A. from the City College of New York, his J.D. from Harvard Law School, and his doctorate in legal philosophy from Oxford University (where he was the recipient of the Oxford University Law Faculty Award). Professor Raban worked as a prosecutor in New York before joining academia. He taught law, inter alia, at the University of Oxford and the University of Utah before joining the University of Oregon.

Professor Raban's principal research interests concern the relationship between constitutional doctrine and judicial philosophy. He is the author of two books on legal philosophy, and of numerous law review articles dealing with constitutional law, criminal law and procedure, and legal theory. He also writes regularly for the popular press, including for The Oregonian and The Conversation. Professor Raban lectures extensively both locally and internationally. Last year he gave a series of lectures in China and Israel. His work has been translated into Chinese, Polish, Korean, Turkish, and Hebrew.

Iván Resendiz Gutierrez

A proud “Double Duck” (2012, 2015), Iván Resendiz Gutierrez is a litigation partner at Miller Nash LLP serving the appellate, employment, and litigation needs of public and private clients, with an emphasis on supporting K-12 and higher education institutions and energy companies. Since joining Miller Nash in 2016 following a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Lynn R. Nakamoto at the Oregon Supreme Court and Oregon Court Appeals, Iván has taken a lead role in several of Miller Nash’s most high-profile and successful matters, including handling oral argument to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Iván brings to each representation a breadth of knowledge gained from extensive litigation experience, work on multiple state and federal trials, and his two years in-house as a secondee at a firm client. Iván regularly advises private and public organizations on knotty issues, including compliance with federal, state (Oregon, Montana, and Washington), and local disability, discrimination, civil rights, fair housing, and public accommodations laws, including Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Fair Housing Act (FHA), and Title II of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, and employment-related issues such as discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Iván also helps higher education institutions navigate the federal and state antitrust laws and works with them to establish safeguards to minimize the risk of antitrust scrutiny. Iván also maintains an active pro bono practice, including representation of detainees in immigration court proceedings.



Dean Jennifer W. Reynolds

Professor Reynolds teaches civil procedure, conflict of laws, negotiation, and mediation. Her research interests include negotiation, dispute systems design, and cultural influences and implications of alternative processes. She holds the Orlando John and Marian H. Hollis endowed professorship at the law school. Professor Reynolds has received the University of Oregon's Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching and the law school's Orlando J. Hollis Teaching Award. She is the Faculty Director of the nationally ranked Oregon ADR Center, which in June 2016 received the Ninth Circuit Award for Excellence in ADR Education.

She has served as the national chair of the ADR Section of the Association of American Law Schools and is an active blogger for the ADR professor blog. In 2016, Reynolds served as the interim ombudsperson at the University of Oregon. Professor Reynolds received her law degree cum laude from Harvard Law School, her master's degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin, and her bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago. While at Harvard, Professor

Reynolds was an editor of the Harvard Law Review; a research assistant for Professor Arthur Miller on Federal Practice and Procedure; and a teaching assistant, researcher, and Harvard Negotiation Research Project Fellow for the Program on Negotiation. After law school, Reynolds was an associate at the Atlanta office of Dow Lohnes PLLC, working primarily on First Amendment and employment cases. She joined the faculty at the University of Missouri School of Law as a Visiting Associate Professor in 2008 before joining the Oregon faculty the following year. Professor Reynolds has been a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School.

Ross Thomas

Ross is the Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice. Since joining the Commission in 2020, Ross has trained thousands of federal practitioners on federal sentencing and has been a member of policy teams on Compassionate Release, Career Offender, and Criminal History. He also has coauthored Recidivism and Federal Bureau of Prisons Programs: Drug Program Participants Released in 2010 (May 2022) and Recidivism and Federal Bureau of Prisons Programs: Vocational Program Participants Released in 2010 (June 2022).

Before joining the Commission, Ross worked for the Federal Public Defender's Office, District of Connecticut, both as an Assistant Federal Public Defender and a Research and Writing Attorney. Ross also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Vanessa L. Bryant, United States District Judge, District of Connecticut, and as a staff attorney for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.





Susan Wilk

Susan Wilk has been an Assistant Federal Public Defender at the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Oregon since 2015 and is a current co-chair of the District of Oregon lawyer representatives. Before joining the FPD, Susan worked as an appellate public defender at the Washington Appellate Project, with the Law Office of Michael Iaria handling CJA cases in the Western District of Washington, and at the Defender Association and Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons in King County, Washington, representing indigent adults and juveniles.

Prof. Kyu Ho Youm

Professor Youm is the Jonathan Marshall First Amendment Chair at the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication. Youm's law review articles have been cited by American and foreign courts, including the House of Lords in Great Britain and the High Court of Australia, on freedom of expression. In addition, his media law research is often used by American and international lawyers in representing their clients in press freedom litigation.

Professor Youm serves on the editorial boards of a dozen major law and communication journals in the United States and England. Professor Youm holds an MSt from Oxford University, MSL, Yale Law School, PhD from Southern Illinois University, and MA from Southern Illinois University.

