

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

Oregon Chapter

Dear Colleague,

Congratulations on your admission to practice in the U.S. District Court in Oregon! The District of Oregon is a highly respected court composed of talented and accomplished judges and staff. It is an honor to practice here, and we hope that you find it as fulfilling as we do.

Whether you practice exclusively in federal court or not, you are invited to join the Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. The FBA provides numerous professional benefits, including educational resources about the court and the judges, engaging and reasonably priced CLE programs, and numerous networking and social events to meet and develop relationships with the attorneys and judges in this district.

Our CLEs address a variety of important topics relating to federal practice and procedure, federal appellate litigation, and general trial practice. These events occur in various locations across Oregon. We also have a monthly lunch program in Portland at the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse that features a guest speaker (often one of our local federal judges) addressing a topic relevant to federal court practice, including the Chief Judge's annual State of the Court address. Our luncheon programs are streamed to the Wayne L. Morse U.S. Courthouse in Eugene, Oregon. In alternating years, the FBA hosts either the District of Oregon Conference or an awards dinner in Portland.

Membership in the FBA Oregon Chapter gives you access to these and many other events, in some cases at discounted prices. Some of the other benefits you will receive upon joining the FBA include:

- Access to resources and events from the national Federal Bar Association.
- A subscription to the nationally recognized quarterly newsletter entitled *For the District of Oregon*, which features articles and columns by Oregon lawyers and judges.
- Participation in a members-only listserv that provides notices of upcoming FBA events and information concerning changes in local rules or other federal court procedures.
- The opportunity to participate in the FBA Younger Lawyers Division, if you are under 37 years old or have been admitted to practice in federal court for three years or fewer. The YLD sponsors several CLEs and social events specifically aimed at meeting the needs of new attorneys.
- An invitation to a summer picnic held at Ninth Circuit Judge Edward Leavy's hop farm, which is attended by many judges and practitioners and their families.

The Oregon FBA also provides options for volunteer work and leadership that create lasting professional relationships and opportunities to give back to both our local and national legal communities. Please consider joining us. We'd love to have your help as we work to support the federal courts here in Oregon and nationally.

You can enroll using the FBA's website at www.fedbar.org, or you can mail in the application form to the address noted on the website. Joining the FBA automatically enrolls you as a member of the Oregon Chapter. If you have any questions about the Oregon Chapter, please visit our website at oregonfederalbarassociation.org. Our officers or directors would be very happy to talk with you about why we are committed to this organization and the benefits that we have received from it.

Very truly yours,

The Board of the Oregon Federal Bar Association