

Military and Veterans' Law Section

Chair's Annual Report for 2016

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Military and Veterans Law Section is to provide a voice for the Oregon State Bar to address the unique legal needs of Oregon's veterans and Service members. Through collaborative relationships and proactive initiatives, the Section works to secure that Oregon offers a legal environment which does not prejudice the men and women who have served our State and Nation.

OSB Liaison: Troy Wood

Meeting Schedule: The Section meets at noon, on the third Tuesday of each month, at the OSB Center in Tigard.

Executive Committee Members, 2016:

David Kramer, *Chair*
Daniel Crowe, *Chair-Elect*
Thomas Flaherty, *Immediate Past Chair*
Mary Ellen Farr, *Secretary*
Mark John Holady, *Treasurer*
Members at large:

Paul W. Conable
Alisha L. Firestone
Jonas J. Hemenway
Wesley A. Hill
Jack R. Platten
James Gordon Rice
Sean J. Riddell
Mark A. Ronning
Robert P. Schulhof
Paul J. Sundermier
Brian Scott Wayson

Executive Committee Members, 2017:

Daniel Crowe, *Chair*
Mark Ronning, *Chair Elect*
David L. Kramer, *Immediate Past Chair*
Jaimie Fender, *Secretary*
Mark John Holady, *Treasurer*
Members at Large:

David Shawcross
Jennifer Sackett
Jennifer Dunn
James Gordon Rice
Kurt Hansen
Ross Neher
Trevor Caldwell

Membership Data and Finances: See 2016 Section Budget Worksheet, attached.

Significant Initiatives and Accomplishments:

- On May 19, 2016, the Section presented a CLE entitled, "Representing Military Veterans in Oregon." The CLE was approved for 5 general credits, 1 access to justice credit and .5 ethics credit. Section planners include Daniel Crowe, Mary Ellen Farr, and Mark Holady.
- On November 17, 2016, members of the Section's Executive Committee were presenters at a CLE presented by the Public Interest Law Project, entitled, "Veteran Benefits."
- The Section is coordinating and editing the creation of a new publication for the Oregon State Bar, "Rights of Veterans and Military Servicepersons." The book is expected to have 14 chapters on a diverse set of issues, focused on assisting judges and practitioners with little baseline knowledge of the military and the problems/solutions associated with returning veterans. Work is ongoing. Publication is expected in the Spring and Summer of 2017.
- The Section continues to support the Veterans' Law Clinic at Willamette University. We were unsuccessful in initiating a veterans' law class at Willamette; Lewis and Clark is interested in pursuing this initiative.
- The Section developed a partnership with the New Lawyers Division of the Oregon State Bar, thanks to Secretary-elect Jamie Fender. Members of both groups had a social gathering on November 2, 2016, attended by 63 persons.

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2016 Section Budget Worksheet

G/L#	Description	8/31/2016			2016 Budget	Projected Year End 12/31/2016	2017 Budget Amount
		2014 Actuals	2015 Actuals	2016 YTD			
847-U002-000	Dues Rate						
847-U001-000	Member Count - Paid Memberships	0	92	86	\$20	\$0	20
847-U004-000	Member Count - Comp Memberships	0	8	13	110	87	90
	Member Count - Total Memberships	0	100	99	5	14	10
	OSB Support Assessment per member	\$6.50	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
	REVENUES						
847-4405-000	Membership Fee Revenue	1,680	1,840	1,720	2,200	1,740	1,800
847-4565-000	Registrations - Conferences/Seminars	0	0	120	0	120	0
	Total Revenue	1,680	1,840	1,840	2,200	1,860	1,800
	EXPENSES						
847-7195-000	Committee - Executive	0	0	0	200		200
847-7245-000	Conferences / Seminars Expense	0	0	0	550		0
847-7270-000	Contributions	0	0	500	0		500
847-7885-000	Telephone - Conference Calling	109	132	81	120	120	120
847-7745-000	OSB Support Services Assessment	728	776	720	880	808	800
847-7999-000	Miscellaneous Expense	0	0	0	100	100	100
	Total Expense	837	908	1,301	1,850	1,028	1,720
847-3100-000	Net Revenue (Expense)	843	932	539	350	832	80
	Beginning Fund Balance			2,100		2,639	3,471
	Ending Fund Balance			2,639		3,471	3,551