

THE LAW OF SUSTAINABILITY: PAST & FUTURE
7.25 CLE Credits (6.25 General) (1.00 Access to Justice)

8:15 Opening Remarks

8:30-10:00 State of Oregon's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals

15 Minute Break

10:15-11:15 Sustaining Biodiversity: The Endangered Species Act History and Current Cases

11:15-12:15 Environmental Justice & Sustainability

30 Minute Break : Lunch on your own

12:45-1:30 Natural Disaster Law

1:30-2:30 Debate: Should Oregon Constitution be Amended to Protect the Environmental Rights of Future Generations?

**2:30-3:30 Achieving Climate Resilience through Local-State Synergy:
The Oregon Model and Beyond**

15 Minute Break

3:45-4:45 Sustainability & Access to Justice

The Law of Sustainability: Past and Future

OPENING REMARKS

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2020 Chair of Sustainable Future Section(SFS)
Diane Henkels, Attorney, Past Chair and
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OSB Mission

The mission of the Oregon State Bar is to serve justice and the public interest by promoting respect for the rule of law, by improving the quality of legal services, and by increasing access to justice.

OSB Values

Integrity, Fairness, Justice, Leadership,
Accountability, Sustainability, Diversity,
Excellence, Well-Being

OSB Sustainable Future Section (“SFS”)

The Sustainable Future Section supports sustainability within the Oregon legal profession and the practice of law through:

- (1) educational programs,**
- (2) examination of the integration of law and sustainability, and**
- (3) dialogue about the needs and interests of future generations.**

SFS Membership: Not just for lawyers!

Website:

<https://sustainablefuture.osbar.org/>

HISTORY

2001 Oregon Legislature enacts statute defining sustainability and declares goals ORS 184.421-423

2005 Oregon State Bar (“OSB”) House of Delegates passes Resolutions proposed by Environmental and Natural Resources Section to promote OSB use of 100% post-consumer recycled paper and long distance access to CLEs via web-conference and other means

2006 OSB Board of Governors (“BOG”) meeting Agenda discussion includes sustainability

2008 & 2009 Sustainability and Law focus topic for OSB Leadership College attended by lawyers and judges

11/15/2008 BOG passes Policy and Governance Committee’s motion to establish a task force on sustainability

October 30, 2009 BOG creates the Sustainable Future Section (“SFS”) and approves OSB Bylaw 26

OREGON STATE BAR BYLAWS

Article 26 Sustainability

The Bar supports the goal of sustainability, generally defined as meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Because Bar operations and the practice of law impact the environment and society generally, the Bar will be cognizant of sustainability in its internal operating practices as well as in its service to members. Internally, the Executive Director will designate a sustainability coordinator for Bar operations, will encourage continuous sustainability improvement in Bar operations, and will report to the Board of Governors at least annually on progress and impediments. In the practice of law, principles of sustainability may be important in addressing competing economic, social and environmental priorities that impact future generations. The Bar will encourage education and dialogue on how law impacts the needs and interests of future generations relative to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence and improvement of the administration of justice.

HISTORY

2010 first SFS Sustainable Law Office Award & OSB President's Sustainability Award; OSB Partners in Sustainability Program begins

2010-2020 SFS organizes CLE Programs, newsletters, volunteer activities, field trips, films, annual sustainability contest

In 2013, SFS receives American Bar Association (SEER Section) for best legal education program or public service project of the year focused on issues of environment, energy, or natural resources law

HISTORY

January 2017, the SFS forms a Task Force on Climate Change, publishes a Report with 5 Recommendations on how members of the legal profession can address the problem of Climate Change.

July 27, 2018, SFS issues a Climate Change Policy Statement.

HISTORY

2019 SFS initiates, OSB supports, and Oregon Legislature amends, the Oregon Prudent Investor Rule (ORS 130.755) to include consideration of environmental and social governance issues in investment decisions.

April 24, 2020 Sustainable Future Section celebrates its Tenth Anniversary & the 50th anniversary of Earth Day