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Thank you, Barbara Fishleder!

Thank you, Barbara, for 34 years of service to the Oregon legal profession!

Barbara Fishleder began work at the PLF as a claims attorney in 1986. In 1989, she became the director of the Fund's loss prevention programs. Under her leadership, the PLF's Practice Management Assistance (PMA) Program and the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP) came to set the standard nationally for quality and scope of malpractice claim prevention services. Her efforts made the PLF's services readily available to all Oregon lawyers, law students, and judges. Through the PLF's PMA program, she made law practice assistance affordable and accessible, with free office visits, CLEs, practice aids, and publications, including *in*Brief, which she edited since its inception. In addition, in 2014 she created the Oregon Lawyers' Conference Room (OLCR), a free conference room in downtown



Portland, which allows Oregon lawyers to meet their clients in a confidential space, even if they don't have an office in the Portland area.

As head of the OAAP, Barbara expanded OAAP services to include mental health issues, career satisfaction, and retirement, in addition to recovery support. Barbara also created the Oregon Lawyer Assistance Foundation (OLAF), which provides grants and loans to Oregon lawyers who are unable to pay for the mental health and addiction treatment they need. Her caring, dedication, and hard work have resulted in the PLF's programs improving the lives and careers of many thousands of Oregon lawyers.