

News Announcement

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New, Free Website Connects Oregonians with the Legal Help They Need

OREGON ... Oregon's most trusted legal organizations have launched Oregon Law Help (oregonlawhelp.org), a free website designed to be the access point for anyone in Oregon seeking help with a civil legal problem.

OLH connects people with the right help for their everyday legal issues—whether it's going through a divorce, dealing with rental disputes, or responding to debt collectors— from step-by-step how-to's to community-based help and lawyer referrals, all available in Spanish, English, Vietnamese and Chinese.

"Oregon Law Help has the potential to reach many more people in need, with information that's in plain language and tailored to their situation and questions," says Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Meagan A. Flynn. "It's a big step forward in access to justice."

Operated by the Oregon State Bar, OLH is a joint effort with Oregon Judicial Department, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Oregon Law Center and Oregon Consumer Justice. The site is a major step in those organizations' shared mission to provide justice for all. A recent study by the Legal Services Corporation found that 92% of low-income Americans do not receive any or enough help for their civil legal problems, and less than one-third seek help for their legal problems.

OLH meets each person where they are and gives them a clear starting point—where they can understand their options, next steps and available resources in the community and local court.

"At Legal Aid Services of Oregon, we believe that justice should be accessible to everyone," says Jeremy Aliason, executive director of LASO, one of Oregon's statewide providers of free civil legal services. "Oregon Law Help brings that promise closer to reality by removing barriers and connecting people across the state to the legal information they need."

The Oregon State Bar licenses and regulates Oregon's lawyers, and administers the state's system of lawyer discipline. The bar also provides a variety of services to help the public understand and access the justice system and numerous programs, including continuing legal education, to enhance the service and professionalism of Oregon lawyers. For more information, see our website at www.osbar.org.