

# CASSANDRA C. SKINNERLOPATA

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Cassandra C. SkinnerLopata, SkinnerLopata Harris LLC • Eugene, Oregon**

*Attorney* • December 2007 to present

- Founding partner of three-attorney law firm with emphasis in general civil practice including family law, domestic partnership planning, and litigation.

### **Career Services, University of Oregon School of Law • Eugene, Oregon**

*Interim Career Counselor* • January 2008 to June 2008

- Counseled law students regarding short-term and long-term career goals.
- Reviewed and edited students' job application materials.
- Facilitated mentorships between students and practicing attorneys.

### **Cassandra C. SkinnerLopata, SkinnerLopata Law LLC • Eugene, Oregon**

*Attorney* • August 2007 to December 2007

- Civil practice, both transactional and trial based, with emphasis in family law, estate planning, general civil litigation and contract work.

### **Lane County Legal Aid Services, Inc., Domestic Violence Clinic • Eugene, Oregon**

*Contract Attorney* • June 2007 to September 2007

- Counseled, represented, and appeared in court on behalf of clients in contested restraining order, stalking order, and custody cases.

### **Margaret J. Wilson, Wilson Law Office • Eugene, Oregon**

*Associate Attorney* • April 2007 to August 2007

- Civil practice with emphasis in employment law, estate planning, family law, and general civil litigation.

### **Honorable Charles D. Carlson, Lane County Circuit Court • Eugene, Oregon**

*Judicial Clerk* • May 2006 to April 2007

- Researched and drafted memoranda on a variety of legal issues.
- Coordinated courtroom procedures and the administration of criminal and civil proceedings.

## APPOINTMENTS

### **Oregon Liquor Control Commission • Oregon**

*Commissioner* • July 2009 to March 2013

- Nominated by Governor Kulongoski and confirmed by the Oregon State Senate.

### **Governor's Council on Domestic Violence • Oregon**

*Member* • June 2006 to October 2009

- Appointed by Governor Kulongoski.

### **Oregon State Bar Association • Oregon**

*Co-Grader, Board of Bar Examiners* • January 2008 to present; *Member, Quality of Life Committee* • November 2007 to November 2010

## LEADERSHIP • COMMUNITY SERVICE

### **Stop Violence Against Women Clinic Project, Eugene, Oregon**

*Advisory Board Member* • 2009 to present; *Domestic Violence Clinic Supporter* • 2003 to present

**Oregon State Bar Association, Leadership College**

*Fellow • 2009*

**Lane County Bar Association, Mentorship Program**

*Mentor Attorney • 2007 to present*

**Head Start of Lane County, Board of Directors**

*Secretary 2009-10; Member, Negotiating Team 2008 to present; Board Member 2007 to 2010*

**Legal Research and Writing Program, University of Oregon School of Law**

*Judge for First Year Appellate Brief Oral Arguments • 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010*

**Loan Repayment Assistance Program, University of Oregon School of Law**

*Community Board Member • October 2007 to August 2008*

**SB 269 Forms Implementation Workgroup**

*Member • October to December 2007*

**Women's Law Forum, University of Oregon School of Law**

*Co-Director 2005-06; Conference Co-Director 2004-05; IL Representative 2003-04*

**Lane County Human Rights Advisory Committee**

*Associate Member • October 2003 to August 2006*

**OUTLaws (LGBTQA Student Association), University of Oregon School of Law**

*Member • September 2003 to May 2006*

**Womenspace, Eugene, Oregon**

*Volunteer Legal Advocate; Domestic Violence Crisis Line Volunteer • January to September 2004*

**University Health Center, University of Oregon**

*Peer Health Education Program, Domestic Violence Guest Speaker 2003 to present; Student Health Advisory Committee Member 2002-05; Peer Health Education Intern 2002*

**INTERNSHIPS • OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**Lane County Legal Aid Services, Inc., Domestic Violence Clinic • Eugene, Oregon**

*Legal Intern • August 2005 to November 2005*

- Counseled, represented, and appeared in court on behalf of clients seeking final stalking and restraining orders.

**Honorable Robert D. Durham, Oregon Supreme Court • Salem, Oregon**

*Legal Extern • Summer 2005*

- Researched and edited Supreme Court opinions.
- Analyzed Petitions for Review and wrote memoranda as to their merits.

**Phyllis Barkhurst, Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF) • Eugene, Oregon •**

*Volunteer Legal Intern • February 2005 to May 2005*

- Analyzed legislation of interest to the SATF to determine the effect on victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

**Professor Caroline Forell, University of Oregon School of Law • Eugene, Oregon**

*Research Assistant • July 2004 to May 2006*

- Researched sexual harassment, stalking, and provocation statutes and case law of the United States, Canada and Australia.
- Edited *amici curiae* briefs for *Bryant v. Walker* and helped with moot court oral arguments.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS • LICENSES

**Oregon State Bar Association • Oregon**  
*Member: Business, Diversity, Elder, Estate Planning, Family Law Sections • May 2007 to present*

**Lane County Bar Association • Oregon**  
*Member: Family Law Committee • May 2007 to present*

**Oregon Women Lawyers • Oregon**  
*Board Member • May 2010 to May 2012*  
*Member • July 2005 to present*

**Lane County Women Lawyers • Oregon**  
*Member • May 2007 to present*

**Oregon Minority Lawyers Association • Oregon**  
*Member • July 2006 to present*

**Multnomah County Bar Association • Oregon**  
*Member • 2008 to 2009*

**Oregon Gay and Lesbian Law Association • Oregon**  
*Member • July 2006 to present*

**Oregon State Bar • #072036**  
**United States Bar • District of Oregon**

## EDUCATION

**University of Oregon School of Law, J.D. • Eugene, Oregon • May 2006**  
Certificate in Public Interest and Public Service Law

- *Honors*: National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award 2006; University of Oregon Nontraditional Student Award 2006; University of Oregon Diversity-Building Scholarship 2005-06; Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation (JELL), *Senior Editor* 2005-06; *Staff Editor* 2004-05
- *Scholarships*: Charles G. Howard Law Scholarship Fund 2006; Wayne Morse Memorial Scholarship 2005-06; Barnett Memorial Scholarship 2005-06, 2004-05; Leslie Harris Scholarship 2005-06, 2004-05; Kathryn Fenning Owens Scholarship 2004-05

**University of Oregon, Post-Baccalaureate Studies • Eugene, Oregon • September 2001 to June 2003 •**  
Pre-Medical Sciences Track/Biology

**University of Colorado, B.A., Anthropology • Boulder, Colorado • May 1999**

**University of South Florida, A.A. • Tampa, Florida • May 1995**

## AWARDS • PUBLICATIONS

A recipient of the 2010 “20 Under 40” Rising Business Star Award from the Register-Guard/Blue Chip Monthly Business Magazine.

Cassandra C. SkinnerLopata, *From “The Victim’s Situation”: A Hypothetical Opinion By A “Reasonable Woman,”* 8 J.L. & SOC. CHALLENGES 111 (Fall 2006).