

## Daniel L. Harris

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Recently retired judge, Dan Harris—now civil trial attorney, mediator, and arbitrator—brings more than 30 years of legal experience to the table. His new practice focuses on dispute resolution, including civil litigation, mediation, and arbitration. He also assists clients with governmental affairs. He serves clients in Portland, the Willamette Valley, Eugene, and in southern Oregon. His years of experience both as an attorney and judge along with his deft touch with dispute resolution make him a very sought after mediator and arbitrator.



Before joining HLGR, Dan was a circuit court judge for Jackson County for 16 years (appointed in 1997 by Governor Kitzhaber), where he managed a civil trial docket, served as a settlement judge (chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission), and most recently as an appointed judge for the Oregon Complex Litigation Court. Prior to sitting on the bench, Dan was a civil trial attorney for 14 years focusing on real property, commercial, and business disputes; personal injury and insurance claims; and government, regulatory, and land use matters. Before attending law school, he worked for U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield in Washington, D.C. and has been active in Oregon legislative affairs in each of the State legislative sessions since 1985.

Dan grew up in Springfield and can tell you what it was like to watch Oregon football games when they were played at Hayward Field. He is a very active community member, working on behalf of children and our larger society.

### Admissions & Memberships ∨

- Oregon State Bar
- U.S. District Court
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Formerly served the Oregon State Bar on the House of Delegates, Civil Procedure and Practice Committee (as chair in 1995), Legal Secretaries Committee (as chair in 1992), and Local Professional Responsibility Committee.
- Co-Chair for the Campaign for Equal Justice
- Council on Court Procedures (1997 – 2009)

### Professional Recognition ∨

- **OSB's Wallace P. Carson, Jr. Award for Judicial Excellence (2010)**  
The Oregon State Bar gives this award annually to a "current state or federal court judge who has made significant contributions to the judicial system and who is a model of professionalism, integrity, and judicial independence."
- **OSB President's Public Service Award (1995)**  
Presented by the Oregon State Bar for work performed during the 1995 legislative session.

### Education ∨

- J.D. from University of Oregon, School of Law, Eugene OR  
*Oregon Law Review*, associate editor. Natural Resources Certificate.
- B.S. in Political Science from Brigham Young University, Provo UT

### Presentations ∨

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Dan has made more than 85 presentations in last 14 years at Federal, State and local bar CLEs, Judicial conferences, legal association CLEs and law schools. principally on the topics of effective advocacy and professionalism.

## Publications

- "Professionalism for Litigation and Courtroom Practice," published by Oregon State Bar (September 2006). Reprinted in *Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Journal* (Winter 2007) and in the *Oregon State Bar Bulletin* (August/September 2007). (Coauthored with John Acosta.)
- "Professionalism in the Courtroom," published pamphlet by the Oregon State Bar (May 2003)
- "What Works Best in the Courtroom," *Trial Lawyer* (Spring 2001). Reprinted in the summer 2003 issue
- "Observations From the Bench on What Works Best in the Courtroom," *Oregon Law Journal* (October 2001)
- "Civil Procedure and Dispute Resolution," *1995 Oregon Legislation*, Oregon State Bar (Coauthored with Billy Sime)
- "Western Coal Severance Taxes and Congress: A Question of State Sovereignty," 61 *Oregon Law Review* 589 (1982)

## Community Engagement

Dan is very active in the communities he resides in as he is passionate about creating a brighter future for children and helping to make communities more attractive to businesses and their citizens. Since 1987, Dan has been a leader and engaged citizen in numerous ways. He served on the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation Board, on the Ashland School Board (including as chair of the Overcrowding Task Force), the Ashland Planning Commission, the Ashland Transportation Advisory Committee, the Board of Directors for the Jackson County Family Nurturing Center, the Board of Directors for the Jackson County Boys & Girls Club, the Executive Board for the Jackson County STARS, as well as service in the Rotary Club.

He also created and moderated a cable TV series from 1998 to 2006 called, "The People's Law Forum," which was devoted to educating the public about different areas of the law. And, Dan served as little league baseball coach for 11 years; YMCA basketball coach for 8 years, football coach for 3 years, and as a 4-H parent-advisor for 6 years.

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