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Arden Olson handles matters involving health law, ERISA, insurance law, legal ethics, and complex litigation (including ERISA litigation). His current engagements include helping insurers, coordinated care entities, and health providers with implementing the federal Affordable Care Act, defending lawyers before the Oregon State Bar, and managing health care claims in federal and state courts.

He previously practiced privately in Seattle and in Philadelphia as well as with the Oregon Department of Justice (including serving as General Counsel to SAIF Corporation), before joining HLGR in 1992. He is currently general counsel to a newly created Coordinated Care Organization, and previously served as general counsel to a regional health maintenance organization.



Admissions & Memberships

Arden is an active member of the Oregon, California, and Washington State bars, and has served in a variety of bar roles. He is admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third and Ninth Circuits, the United States Tax Court, and to U.S. District Courts in Oregon, Washington, California, and Pennsylvania.

- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Member, [Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers](#)
- Member, [American Law Institute](#)
- Member, [American Health Lawyers Association](#)
- Member, the American and Federal Bar Associations and the Lane County Bar Association
- Former Member, American Bar Association's Standing Committees on Professionalism and Ethics & Professional Responsibility
- On the Board of Directors for the Eugene Symphony.

Professional Recognition

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated with [Martindale-Hubbell](#)[®]
- Selected for inclusion in Oregon [Super Lawyers](#)[®] in 2006, 2009-2012, 2014-2017.

Education

Arden is a 1978 graduate of the University of Washington School of Law, J.D. *Order of the Coif*. During his studies, he served as Executive Editor of the *Washington Law Review* and was a recipient of the Vivian Carkeek Prize. He also holds a B.A. in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma and completed the Executive Education for Corporate Counsel Program at Duke University Fuqua School of Business in Durham, North Carolina.

Publications

- "Is Some Behavior Ethical But Improper?" *Oregon State Bar Bulletin*, p. 29-33 (February/March 2013)
- "Insurance Counsel Conflict of Interest", *Oregon State Bar Bulletin*, p. 36-41 (September/October 2008)
- "Health Initiatives Would Breed Uncertainty," *Oregon Health Law*, p. 7 (October 1996)
- "ABA Commission Proposes New Rules of Professional Conduct," *Washington State Bar News*, p. 43 (May 1980)

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Professional Recognition



- "American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division," *The Lawyer's Conscience* (July 30, 1980) co-author Christopher L. Otorowski
- Comment "**Parol Evidence in Washington: The Use of Extrinsic Evidence to Address the Integration and Interpretation of Writings.**" *52 Washington Law Review* 923 (1977)

Presentations ▼

- "Solicitation to Withdrawal: Professionalism with Clients and Other Counsel," Oregon State Bar CLE (December 2015)
- "Top Ten Reasons APRL Should Not Create a Specialty Certification Program," Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (August 1, 2015).
- "The Ethics of Representing Your Firm's Members Against Your Firm's Client," IP Brown Bag CLE hosted by the Oregon State Bar (December, 2014).
- "Best Practices for Giving Ethics Advice," 37th ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility, Memphis, TN (June 4, 2011)
- "'Confidential' Client Information: When are Secrets Not Secret?," ALI-ABA Live Telephone Seminar/Audio Webcast, Ethics and Professionalism Series (April 14, 2011)
- "Ethical Traps for Tax Attorneys," Oregon State Bar Tax Section (November 17, 2010)
- "Ethics Challenges for Business Lawyers," PLI 41st Annual Institute on Securities Regulation (November 6, 2009)
- "Coverage Counsel: The Forgotten lawyer in Cumis," ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section 2007, ABA Annual Meeting (August 11, 2007)

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