

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

President-Elect

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Statement by the Candidate:

I respectfully ask for your support for the office of President-elect of the American Bar Association for the term 2012-2013.

We have an ongoing obligation to work hard to ensure the continuation of the ABA's treasured position as the voice of the American legal profession. As a prominent leader in your legal community, you know well the challenges we face, both nationally and locally. With your guidance and input, I believe I am well-prepared to take on this leadership role.

I would bring a diverse set of experiences to the office. During my 35-year legal career, I have worked as a private practitioner and as a government lawyer. In more recent years, I have served as a trial judge and then an appellate judge. Every day, I see the wide range of work that lawyers in America handle in their practices. I understand the pressures our lawyers face both individually and collectively as a profession.

Along with family and work, my primary commitment has been to the ABA. I was raised in an ABA family, and I have been a member since graduation from law school. I have attended every midyear and annual meeting since first being elected to the House 22 years ago. During this time I have especially enjoyed welcoming new members to the House of Delegates, a role I relish now while serving on the Select Committee of the House.

I have been privileged to serve in leadership positions that have prepared me well for the challenges faced by the President. I was State Delegate and then a member of the Board of Governors, where I chaired the Program and Planning Committee and served on the Executive Committee of the Board. I was honored to be elected to serve as ABA Secretary from 2002 to 2005. The Secretary is an integral part of the ABA at nearly every level, so I have come to understand the inner workings of our Association.

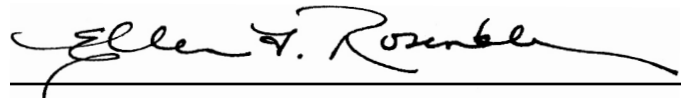
But to lead the ABA, it is essential to connect with the vast network of dedicated volunteers beyond the Board and officer level. Since completing my term as Secretary, I have devoted much of my time to Section and Division work as well as to leadership roles with the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, the President's Diversity Commission and the Special Committee on Bioethics and Law. All of these positions have given me the opportunity to contribute further to the profession and to demonstrate my ability to foster collaboration among ABA entities.

Whatever project I am engaged in – I endeavor at all times to spread the word among the bench, bar and the public about the important work of the ABA in serving our members, improving our profession, eliminating bias and enhancing diversity, and advancing the rule of law.

As I will be retiring from the bench by 2012, I will be able to devote myself fully to the positions of President-elect and President. If I am selected, you will see me in your state, at your events, wherever and whenever it would be helpful to advance the issues and concerns of your local bars.

I look forward to meeting with you, listening to your concerns, and responding to any questions you may have about my candidacy as we all work together toward our shared goals.

I have read the rules and agree to abide by them.



Candidate's Signature

January 1, 2011

Date

The Candidate's Curriculum Vitae is attached

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND



Ellen Rosenblum has been a member of the bar since 1975, when she graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law. Her career began as an associate and, later, partner in a small firm in Eugene; she then became an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, representing the government both in civil matters and as a federal prosecutor in trials and appeals. More recently, she has served as a trial and appellate judge in Oregon's state courts in Portland and Salem. Throughout her career, Ellen has been a strong advocate for the legal profession and for diversity and access to justice, locally and nationally.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ABA Secretary
- ABA Board of Governors: Executive Committee and Chair, Program and Planning Committee
- ABA House of Delegates since 1988
- Chair, Fellows of the American Bar Foundation
- Chair, ABA Presidential Diversity Commission
- Chair, ABA Special Committee on Bioethics and Law
- Council, Section of State and Local Government Law
- Council, Senior Lawyers Division
- Advisor, Joint Commission to Review the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct
- Co-Chair, first ABA Judicial Clerkship Program
- Trustee, National Judicial College
- Member, American Law Institute
- Nelson Award, ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division
- Oregon State Bar Board of Governors
- Treasurer, Oregon State Bar
- Chair, Oregon Judicial Conduct Committee
- Founding Member of the Board, Oregon Women Lawyers
- President, Owen M. Panner American Inn of Court
- President, United States District Court of Oregon Historical Society

SERVICE TO THE BAR

1. ABA Office

- Secretary of the American Bar Association from 2002-2005; Secretary-elect from 2001-2002.

2. ABA Board of Governors

- Board of Governors for seven years — including as district representative (Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Montana) from 1995-1998, and again from 2001-2005 as Secretary-elect and Secretary.
- Executive Committee, Operations and Communications Committee and Chair of the Program and Planning Committee; served as Board liaison to numerous ABA entities.

3. ABA House of Delegates

- House of Delegates for more than 20 years in various roles, including as a delegate from the Oregon State Bar and as State Delegate.
- Currently Delegate-at-Large and Member of the Select Committee of the House.
- Nominating Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and ex officio member of Rules and Calendar Committee.

4. Other ABA Activities

Current

- Council, Section of State and Local Government Law; Co-chair, Membership Committee.
- Council, Senior Lawyers Division.
- Member, Standing Committee on Public Education.
- Member, Section Officers Conference Membership Committee.
- Liaison, Commission on Women in the Profession.
- Liaison, Policy Implementation Committee of Center for Professional Responsibility.
- Member: Judicial Division; Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division; General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division; Senior Lawyers Division; State and Local Government Law Section; Litigation Section; Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section; and Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.
- President's Club, Fund for Justice and Education.

Past

- Chair, ABA President Carolyn Lamm's Presidential Commission on Diversity, which released the *Next Steps* Report and Recommendations for Diversity in the Legal Profession (available online at the ABA's Diversity Center website: new.abanet.org/centers/diversity). Presented the report to various groups at: the ABA's mid-year and annual meetings; the National Conference of Bar Presidents; the Section Officers Conference; the Western States Bar Conference; and the Oregon State Bar.
- Chair, ABA Special Committee on Bioethics and Law.
- Co-chaired first ABA Judicial Clerkship Program while serving on Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession.
- Advisor, Joint Commission to Revise the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct and presenter of the Code to ABA House of Delegates.
- Member, ABA Executive Director Search Committee.
- Member, advisor or liaison to other ABA entities, including: World Justice Commission

(Domestic Rule of Law Conference Project); Standing Committee on Judicial Independence; Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section; Criminal Justice Section; Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar (Accreditation Committee); Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children; and Coalition for Justice.

- Established online opportunities through ABA Judicial Division and National Association of Law Placement for “deferred associates” to find temporary judicial internships.
- Judicial representative to Membership Segment Value Project, convened by President-elect Lamm.

5. ABA Initiatives in Oregon

- Brought and led a number of ABA initiatives over the years, including: 2000 Oregon Citizens Justice Conference; 2004 Multnomah County Courts Jury System Improvements/Juror Appreciation Project; 2008 Oregon Rule of Law Conference; Public Education “Dialogue” Series; and several diversity initiatives.
- Arranged for many ABA presidents to come to Oregon to speak on topics of concern to the profession; organized ABA and ABF Fellows receptions at Oregon State Bar meetings.

6. American Bar Foundation

- Board of Directors.
- Chair, Communications, Public and Institutional Relations Committee.
- Chair, ABF Fellows from 2006-2007; Chair-elect from 2005-2006; Secretary from 2004-2005; Western Regional Chair from 2002-2004.
- Life Patron Fellow.
- Instituted and facilitated mentoring program between Fellows of ABF and Young Lawyers Division Scholars program.
- Co-leader, first Fellows “People to People” Delegation, to Russia, in 2005; in 2008 led fourth delegation, to South Africa.

7. National Judicial College

- Received judicial training at the NJC.
- ABA representative on Board of Trustees from 1999-2005; chaired Public Relations Committee and served on Education Committee.
- Member, first Advisory Council to Donald Reynolds National Center for Courts and the Media, which is affiliated with the NJC, from 2002-2004.
- Liaison from NJC to Joint Commission to Revise ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct from 2004-2007.
- Liaison from NJC to Policy Implementation Committee of ABA Center for Professional Responsibility.

8. American Judicature Society

- Board of Directors from 1994-1996.
- Advisor to judicial ethics publications.

9. National Association of Women Judges

- Active member and Chair of 2008 Annual Conference in Portland.

10. Oregon Bar Activities

- Member (1984-1987) and Treasurer (1986-1987), Oregon State Bar Board of Governors; second woman lawyer member of the Board.
- Founding member, Oregon State Bar's Committee on Combining Family and Career.
- Member, Multnomah Bar Association's first Status of Women in the Profession Committee.
- Founding board member, Lane County Women Lawyers in 1978.
- Founding board member, Oregon Women Lawyers (OWLS) in 1989.
- President, University of Oregon School of Law Alumni Association.
- President, Owen M. Panner American Inn of Court.
- President, United States District Court of Oregon Historical Society.
- Instituted a number of ongoing law-related programs in Oregon, including:
 - “Courthouse Connection” — an OWLS program — which brings lawyers and judges together for informal monthly gatherings in different courthouses;
 - OWLS newsletter column called “The Judges’ Forum;”
 - “Tell it to the Judge” Law Day program, in collaboration with Young Lawyers group of Multnomah Bar Association;
 - “Girl Scouts Beyond Bars” program for girls and their incarcerated mothers, in collaboration with Girl Scouts, courts and corrections facilities in Oregon;
 - “Famous Cases CLE Series” of United States District Court of Oregon Historical Society;
 - “Spotlight Series” for newer members of Owen M. Panner American Inn of Court.
- Chaired “Women in Court” CLE programs in late 1970's and early 1980's — taught by and for first group of women litigators in Oregon.

11. Oregon Judicial Activities

- Served on Oregon's trial courts (Multnomah County District Court and Multnomah County Circuit Court) for 16 years before appointment to Court of Appeals in 2005. After an extensive merit-based selection process, appointed by three governors to these positions and subsequently elected to them in nonpartisan elections.
- Chaired Oregon Judicial Conduct Committee (ethics advice for judges and candidates for judge) for 10 years and continues to teach judicial ethics to every new judge in Oregon.
- At request of the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, chaired Oregon committee that has proposed a revised Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct based upon the ABA model (currently pending before the Oregon Supreme Court).
- As appellate judge, helped design performance measures for Oregon Court of Appeals, including survey of appellate lawyers and trial judges to assess quality of service provided to bench and bar by the court.
- As trial judge, spoke to visiting Classroom Law Project student groups regularly during courthouse visits; welcomed jury panels and coordinated judicial participation in Jury Orientation Program for Multnomah County; served as advisor for jury orientation video, now in use statewide; and founded Multnomah County Judges Judicial Outreach Committee in collaboration with Multnomah Bar Association.
- Member, Advisory Committee of Oregon Campaign for Equal Justice, which raises over \$1 million each year from Oregon lawyers for legal services programs.
- Participant in “Road to the Bench” mentoring program as well as Oregon's three law schools' mentoring programs.

GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Chair, Governor's Advisory Committee on Corrections Population Forecasting.
- Member of three different governors' public safety planning initiatives.
- Board of Directors, Oregon Halfway House.
- Portland Police Bureau Citizens Advisory Committee for Cross-Cultural Training.
- Task Force on Ethics of Interim Senate/House Judiciary Committee of Oregon State Legislature.
- Board of Directors, Mittleman Jewish Community Center.
- Board of Trustees, Temple Beth Israel.
- Board of Directors of Portland Symphonic Choir.

RECOGNITION

- 2008 Nelson Award from American Bar Association Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division, which annually recognizes outstanding contributions of a government lawyer to the ABA.
- Elected to American Law Institute in 2007.
- Life Patron Fellow, American Bar Foundation.
- Honorary member, American Counsel Association.
- Mentoring — Betty Roberts Award from Oregon Women Lawyers and Andrea Redding Award from Lewis and Clark Law School.
- Public service — Oregon State Bar President's Public Service Award; Multnomah Bar Association Public Service Award; and University of Oregon School of Law Frohnmayer Award for Public Service.
- Service to the profession — University of Oregon Law School Dean's Meritorious Service Award.
- Professionalism — Edwin J. Peterson Award presented by Professionalism Commission.
- Service to judges — Oregon Circuit Court Judges Association.
- Honorary Alumna Award from Lewis and Clark Law School.
- Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of Oregon, College of Arts and Sciences.

WRITING, SPEAKING, AND TEACHING

In addition to having been a regular columnist for Oregon Women Lawyers *AdvanceSheet* for many years, and serving as an interviewer for the Section of State and Local Government Law's newsletter, Ellen has written articles for journals, including *The ABA Judges Journal* (rule of law); *The National Judicial College Case in Point* (judicial ethics); the National Center for State Courts *Justice System Journal* (judicial ethics education) and Oregon Bar CLE chapters on judicial ethics for lawyers, judicial candidates and judges.

She has organized and presented numerous CLE and other programs for lawyers and judges on topics including: diversity in the profession, jury reform, lawyer and judicial ethics, professionalism, jury selection, motion practice, and trial and appellate practice skills.

She has taught business law (to undergraduate business majors) and civil practice negotiation skills as an adjunct law teacher, and she serves regularly as a judge for moot court and mock trial competitions. She has also helped coach the "We the People" Constitution Competition.

CAREER

Ellen's first years in practice were spent as an associate and partner in a small firm, Hammons, Phillips and Jensen, in Eugene. The primary focus of her practice was civil litigation and criminal defense at the trial and appellate level, in both state and federal courts. Her most significant case involved a breach of contract suit brought in federal court on behalf of a prominent local author whose book was made into an Academy Award-winning movie. She left the firm to take a position as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, defending the government in civil matters and working closely with various federal agencies prosecuting economic crimes — in particular, mail and wire fraud, firearms violations, bank robberies, embezzlements and extortion. Her “career case” involved a U.S. Customs fraud investigation of steel dumping by a foreign company and resulted in criminal convictions and significant civil penalties.

During her time on the Multnomah County Circuit Court and on the Oregon Court of Appeals, she has presided over thousands of criminal and civil cases involving the full range of state court issues. Examples include: misdemeanor and felony crimes, personal injury, real property, products liability, class actions, business and consumer litigation, domestic relations, juvenile dependency and delinquency, administrative law (including employment, workers' compensation, license suspensions and land use regulation), and state and federal constitutional law. In addition to hearing hundreds of appeals, she has authored numerous published judicial opinions.

She plans to retire from the bench by 2012.

EDUCATION AND PERSONAL



Ellen has lived in Oregon since 1970. She was born in California and raised in Evanston, Illinois. She attended Scripps College from 1968-1970 and graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor's Degree in sociology in 1971 and a J.D. in 1975.

She is married to Richard Meeker, owner and publisher of a Pulitzer Prize-winning media company that operates weekly newspapers in Portland, Oregon, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Richard enjoys attending ABA meetings and is an active ABA spouse. They have two children: Cate, a first year medical student, and Will, a recent college graduate in architecture.

She is the second of eight children, three of whom are lawyers. Her parents were born and raised in New York.

Her father, Victor Rosenblum, was a law professor at Northwestern University for more than 40 years and was active in professional organizations, chairing the ABA Administrative Law Section, the American Association of Law Schools and the American Judicature Society. Ellen and her father attended ABA meetings together for many years prior to his death.

Her hobbies include reading and singing. She has facilitated a monthly book group at her synagogue for many years. She has led the national anthem in the House of Delegates, and she hosts the ABF Fellows Sing-Along at ABA meetings.