

PROFESSIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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PHILOSOPHY AND APPROACH: I am employed as Senior Attorney Counselor for the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP). My professional services are exclusively limited to members of the Oregon legal community. <https://www.osbplf.org/about-plf/staff/douglas-s-querin/>

The services I provide at the OAAP are intended to: (1) assist Oregon lawyers, judges, law students, and legal professionals to achieve a desired state of well-being, (2) respond to calls of concern regarding a third party who may benefit from OAAP services, (3) provide referrals and recommendations for professional community resources, (4) provide educational and resource services, and/or (5) generally respond as needed and appropriate to those seeking OAAP assistance.

Regarding those seeking improved well-being for themselves, I consider that each person comes to OAAP with their own unique history and background. I believe that the ways in which one generally deals with life's challenges, with our relationships, and with our personal, professional, and social environments, is broadly influenced by, and a reflection of, how they typically think, feel, and behave in their lives, especially during times of stress, anxiety, conflict, disappointment, grief, and other such life experiences.

My professional focus with each person seeking services is to provide a meaningful working relationship where trust, confidence, safety, and hope can be established, strengths can be examined, and goals can be identified and addressed. I work collaboratively with each person, and, when appropriate, explore personal and professional life experiences, trauma-related and otherwise, as well as patterns of thinking, feeling, and behaving, in order to assist in facilitating the goals and positive changes being sought, including encouraging use of appropriate self-help tools and resources.

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: I hold a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon, Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Oregon School of Law, and a Master of Arts degree in Counseling from George Fox University. My graduate school course work included Human Growth and Development, Marriage and Family Therapy, Advanced Marriage Therapy, Personality and Counseling Theory, Human Sexuality, Psychopathology, Group Therapy, Substance Abuse, and Addiction Pharmacology.

I have been a Board Certified Addiction & Drug Counselor since 2007 (CADCI). I am educated, trained, and experienced in working with individuals struggling with, or seeking information concerning, problematic substance use. See, <https://mhacbo.org/en/>. I have periodically made continuing education presentations to the administrators and professional staffs of Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Cedar Hills Hospital, and Oregon State Hospital, as well as for the Northwest Institute of Addiction Studies, regarding clinical ethics and professionalism in the field of substance use treatment.

Additionally, I have served as an Adjunct Professor at both Portland State University and the Department of Counseling at George Fox University. I have presented dozens of continuing education programs to Oregon mental health professionals regarding clinical ethics and professionalism (2006-2020). During my OAAP career, I have also made numerous informational and continuing legal presentations to lawyers, judges, law students, law firms, state and county bar organizations and others, primarily regarding professional well-being, problem substance use, and mental health issues.

I have served on the Oregon State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, regulating and monitoring ethical and professional practices within the profession. (2013-2016) <https://www.oregon.gov/oblpc/Pages/index.aspx>

I have served on the Board of the Oregon Counseling Association and as the Chair of its Ethics Committee. (2003–2016.) <https://or-counseling.org/>

CONTINUING EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL ETHICS: As a Licensed Professional Counselor, I am required to participate in ongoing continuing education, taking classes dealing with topics relevant to my profession. I abide by the Code of Ethics of the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapist (OBLPCT) <https://www.oregon.gov/oblpc/Pages/index.aspx> (OAR Ch. 833, Div. 100), as well as the statutes, regulations, bylaws, policies, and practices of the Oregon State Bar, Oregon Professional Liability Fund, and the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program.

PRIVACY and CONFIDENTIALITY. I consider privacy, confidentiality, and professional integrity to be of paramount importance. I periodically consult with my OAAP professional colleagues and others about clinical and ethical issues. All of my OAAP contact and communications with persons seeking services are kept strictly confidential to the fullest extent permitted by law and my ethical and professional obligations and practices. Any professional or ethical conflicts that may arise from the various legal, regulatory, and/or practice requirements of my employment will be professionally addressed and resolved in a manner consistent with the best interests of those seeking OAAP services and with the policies, regulations, and practices of the OBLPCT, Oregon State Bar, Professional Liability Fund, and the OAAP. See, ORS 9.568, PLF Policies 6.150-6.300, OSB Bylaws Article 24.

At the OAAP, I do *not* practice law and do *not* give legal advice. I do not make medical, mental health, or substance use diagnoses.

Consistent with my legal, ethical, professional, and confidentiality responsibilities at the OAAP, I do not invite, encourage, or initiate communications via social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram with lawyers, judges, law students, or others with whom I have, or reasonably expect to have, a professional relationship.

If you have questions, please feel welcome to contact me by phone or email.

FEE SCHEDULE: The Oregon Attorney Assistance Program offers professional assistance, advice, training, continuing education, and referral resources to Oregon attorneys and other members of the Oregon legal community. All OAAP services are provided *free* of charge, unless otherwise indicated.

BILL OF RIGHTS: I adhere to the standards established by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, as well as the statutes, regulations, bylaws, policies, and accepted practices of the Oregon State Bar, Oregon Professional Liability Fund, and the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program. Consumers of professional services offered by OBLPCT Licensees, have the following rights:

- To expect that a licensee has met the minimal qualifications of training and experience required by state law;
- To examine public records maintained by the Board and to have the Board confirm credentials of a licensee;
- To obtain a copy of the Code of Ethics;
- To report complaints to the Board;
- To be informed of the cost of professional services before receiving the services;
- To be assured of privacy and confidentiality while receiving services as defined by rule and law, including the following exceptions: 1) Reporting suspected child abuse; 2) Reporting imminent danger to the client or others; 3) Reporting information required in court proceedings or by client's insurance company or other relevant agencies; 4) Providing information concerning licensee case consultation or supervision; and 5) Defending claims brought by client against licensee.
- To be free from discrimination based on age, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, national origin, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic status.

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