## PROFESSIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT\*

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<u>PHILOSOPHY AND APPROACH:</u> 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. <a href="https://oaap.org/staff/douglas-s-querin/">https://oaap.org/staff/douglas-s-querin/</a>

My services at the OAAP are intended to: (1) confidentially assist Oregon lawyers, judges, law students, and legal professionals to achieve a desired state of personal and/or professional 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 resources, (4) provide educational and resource services, and/or (5) generally respond as needed and appropriate to those seeking OAAP assistance.

My professional focus with each person seeking OAAP services is to provide a meaningful working relationship where trust, confidence, and safety can be developed, and goals identified and addressed. I work collaboratively and, when appropriate, explore personal and professional life experiences to assist in facilitating the goals being sought, including encouraging the use of appropriate self-help tools and community resources.

**EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:** Prior to my work at OAAP, I practiced law as a trial lawyer for over 20 years with a small litigation firm in Portland, Oregon. I practiced law in state and federal courts in Oregon and most of the other western states. In the early 2000s, I left active law practice and went to graduate school to become a mental health and substance abuse counselor.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon (Phi Beta Kappa), 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 counseling courses 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 am a Board Certified Addiction & Drug Counselor (2007 CADCI). I work with individuals struggling with, or seeking assistance and/or information concerning, various

forms of problematic substance use. See, <a href="https://mhacbo.org/en/">https://mhacbo.org/en/</a>. I have made continuing education presentations for Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Cedar Hills Hospital, Oregon State Hospital, and Northwest Institute of Addiction Studies concerning professional 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, and have presented continuing education programs, teaching ethics and professionalism to mental health professionals throughout Oregon (2006-2020). During my OAAP career, I have also made informational and continuing legal presentations to lawyers, judges, law students, law firms, state and county bar organizations and others regarding professional and personal well-being, problem substance use, and mental health and well-being issues.

I have served on the Oregon State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, regulating and monitoring ethical and professional practices of Oregon professional counselors and therapists (2013-2016). I have served on the Board of the Oregon Counseling Association and as the Chair of its Ethics Committee. (2003–2016.) <a href="https://or-counseling.org/">https://or-counseling.org/</a>

CONTINUING EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL ETHICS: As a Licensed Professional Counselor (Lic. # C10177), 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 Therapists (OBLPCT) <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oblpct/Pages/index.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oblpct/Pages/index.aspx</a> (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 consult with my OAAP professional colleagues and others about clinical and ethical issues when necessary. All of my OAAP contact and communications with persons seeking professional 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. ORS 9.568, PLF Bylaws and Policies 6.200, 6.300, Oregon State Bar Bylaws.

At the OAAP, I do *not* practice law and do *not* give legal or ethical advice. I do not make medical, mental health, or substance use diagnoses or assessments. I encourage those seeking or needing legal advice and/or medical, mental health, or substance use advice, diagnosis, or treatment to retain the services of trained and experienced professionals in the community. I do seek to assist in identifying such resources.

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

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

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

<u>BILL OF RIGHTS:</u> 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 the 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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