

Your Facilitators



Kyra Hazilla, JD, LCSW, is a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School (JD) and School of Social Work (MSW). She was a public defender practicing juvenile law for most of her legal career and also worked as a contract attorney in the areas of personal injury law and civil rights law before joining the OAAP staff in 2014. She is a trained counselor who has completed more than 3,500 postgraduate social service hours. She is also a clinical supervisor and provides regular clinical consultation for peers in the therapeutic community. She is a national speaker on trauma-informed lawyering and other topics. Her counseling experience includes crisis intervention; working with victims of sexual assault; drug, alcohol, and substance use counseling; mental health counseling; and helping domestic violence survivors and their children.

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Kirsten Blume, JD, M. Coun., was born and raised in Eugene, Oregon. She earned her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts. Kirsten obtained her Masters in Counseling from Oregon State University. Prior to joining the OAAP in 2022, Kirsten served those in need of legal service across the globe, including a fellowship in women's health human rights in Delhi, India, advocating to the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva on the issue of homelessness in the U.S., working at a firm in Hawaii, clerking for Clackamas County Circuit Court in Oregon, engaging in Title IX and non-discrimination investigations in higher education, and directing housing advocacy

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Bridget Donegan, JD, MA candidate, is an attorney counselor with the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP). Bridget graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2010 and, after clerking for the Oregon Supreme Court, practiced law in Portland, Oregon for 12 years. She primarily litigated commercial and real estate disputes and also practiced in criminal defense; Bridget tried several civil and criminal jury trials in state and federal courts. In 2024, she enrolled in Lewis & Clark College's graduate program for professional mental health counseling with a specialization in addictions, and she joined the OAAP in 2025. She currently counsels lawyers seeking career support.

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Amber Hollister, JD, is in house counsel for Ralliant, the corporate parent of Tektonix. She started her career as a judicial law clerk and litigator, and then spent well over a decade in public service including serving as the Oregon State Bar's General Counsel and ethics expert. Amber volunteers for the board of the Oregon Lawyer Assistance Foundation and on the Campaign for Equal Justice. In her spare time, you'll find her cheering on the Thorns at Providence Park, enjoying time with her poodle and two boys, gardening, and playing a little viola.

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Emily leads a team of attorneys and advocates who work to uphold the rights of Oregonians with disabilities. She spearheads DRO's class-action litigation, including the *Wyatt v. Kotek* lawsuit that recently resulted in a settlement agreement aimed at seeking a safer foster care system that provides children the services they need to thrive. In addition to working on class-action litigation, Emily monitored facilities that serve people with disabilities, investigated abuse and neglect, and testified in front of the legislature.



Karen A. Neri, JD, MA, LPC, LMFT, is a relational, integrative, systems-oriented therapist in private practice in Portland, Oregon. She identifies as a cisgender, heterosexual, immigrant, Southeast Asian Filipina American woman in an inter-ethnoracial relationship. She works primarily with BIPOC clients on issues related to attachment wounds, relational disconnection, and trauma, grounded in a social justice lens. She is committed to fostering healing and bridging relational gaps across differences. A component of her work is supervision and research as a doctoral candidate at Antioch University New England's couple and family therapy program. Her research interests include the intersection of identity politics, privilege, power, multiethnic relationship systems,

trauma, and supervision. Prior to becoming a therapist, she practiced family law in California. Karen remains involved within the legal community through educational workshops/presentations or group facilitation on mental health, relational well-being, and equity. In her spare time, she loves being outdoors with her spouse and favorite sentient fur-beings, Rex and Riley.

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