

June 23, 2011

Clackamas Fire District #1
11300 SE Fuller Road
Milwaukie, OR 97222

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am the Executive Director of the Oregon State Bar. The Bar is a public corporation charged with responsibilities relating primarily to the admission, education and discipline of all attorneys who practice law in the state of Oregon. The Bar's operations are, in part, governed by the Oregon Revised Statutes. Certain operations of the Bar are subject to direction by the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors.

Several years ago, Susan K. Eggum represented the Oregon State Bar in defense of a federal court suit filed by an OSB member against the Bar, its then Executive Director and several members of the Board of Governors. The plaintiff in the case alleged violations of the Oregon public employment whistleblower statutes, a takings claim under the Oregon Constitution, claims for conspiracy under Section 1985, alleged violations of substantive due process and of the First Amendment, and a state law defamation claim. As a result of Susan's defense, all but the Section 1983 claims for violations of the First Amendment and for defamation were eventually dismissed at the pleading stage. The remaining claims were then briefed on summary judgment and argued by Susan before the Hon. Garr M. King of the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon. Susan achieved a summary judgment dismissal of the remaining claims. Plaintiff then appealed unsuccessfully to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The United States Supreme Court additionally reviewed and denied plaintiff's request for review.

The Board of Governors was very pleased with Susan's representation, which demonstrated her well-deserved reputation in the community for legal skill, efficiency and excellent results. The Bar would not hesitate to recommend her as counsel to assist needs of the Clackamas County Fire District #1.

Sincerely,



Sylvia E. Stevens
Executive Director