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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Joan Demarest, LLC (2010-present)

Attorney. My private practice focuses on criminal defense, juvenile delinquency and dependency, victim advocacy, and family law. The majority of my work since 2014 has been court appointed adult indigent criminal defense in Linn County with Linn Defenders, Inc. I also represent retained clients in Philomath and Corvallis Municipal Courts and Linn and Benton County Circuit Courts. I am also a pro tem judge for Toledo, Corvallis and Lebanon Municipal Courts.

Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU) Office of Legal Advising

(2009-2012) Attorney. I assisted nearly 800 OSU students with a variety of legal matters including criminal defense, divorce, wills, expunctions, name changes, adoptions, and victim advocacy. My contract did not allow me to make court appearances, so in most criminal cases I prepared students to represent themselves in court proceedings after I successfully negotiated their cases. I endeavored to educate students on legal matters by speaking at several forums and publishing articles in the Daily Barometer.

Benton County District Attorney (Deputy District Attorney 1998-2006; intern 1997-1998)

I managed an average caseload of over 200 cases at a time, from Minor in Possession of Alcohol to Aggravated Murder, including domestic violence, drugs, assault, child sexual assault, and human trafficking. I gained extensive research, writing, motion, and trial experience including an Aggravated Murder case through trial and penalty phase. I initiated Benton County's first Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). My civil work included dependency cases, civil commitments, and child support enforcement.

Multnomah County District Attorney, Portland, OR (Summer, 1997)

Externship. I worked in every aspect of criminal prosecution, from charging to sentencing, including trial work as a certified law student, with a focus on juvenile cases.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Judge for high school, college, and law school mock trial competitions, 1999-present.
- Mayoral appointment to Corvallis Committee for Citizen Involvement, 2012-2015;
- Leadership Corvallis Class of 2011, Vision Committee 2011-2013;
- United Way Grant Committee, 2011;
- Speaking engagements: Soroptimist Tea fundraiser speaker on domestic violence, 2004; OSU guest speaker; law enforcement and DHS trainings on child abuse;
- SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) elementary school reader, approx. 2001-2003;
- Member of official delegation to Corvallis' sister city, Uzhhorod, Ukraine, 2001;
- Mentoring Works mentor to "at risk" high school student, approx. 1999-2001;

Director, Corvallis 509j School Board, 2001-2005. I worked to preserve quality education with decreasing resources. My first vote was to close the elementary school I attended as a child, due to funding and seismic safety issues. I also helped pass an \$87 million bond measure.

Board service:

- Corvallis Montessori School, 2013-2015;
- Parenting Success Network, 2010-2011;
- Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV), 2006-2008, long range planning committee 2007-2009, fundraising breakfast speaker 2010, table captain;
- Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis, 2003-2007, annual fundraising breakfast table captain;
- Plain Talk, 2001 (organization merged with CARDV in 2001);
- Calyx publishing, 1999-2002

Corvallis Junior First Citizen awarded in recognition of service to the community, 2001.

LEGISLATIVE WORK

Expungement: In 2015 I requested legislation that allows individuals with certain violation convictions to expunge subsequent criminal convictions after three years instead of 10.

DUII Diversion Eligibility: In 2013 I requested and testified for legislation that allows individuals who have entered diversions for MIP or PCS<1 oz to be eligible for DUII diversion.

Child Abuse Reporting: In 2012 I testified for legislation to broaden mandatory child abuse reporting categories to include employees of higher education and staff of organizations that serve children.

Karly's Law: In 2007 I was a key advisor and testified for legislation, inspired by a case I successfully prosecuted, which requires that cases of suspected child abuse be photographed and reviewed by a specially trained physician.

Jury Reform: In 1997, during my internship with State Senator Jeannette Hamby (R-Hillsboro), I researched, developed, secured hearing and testified for jury reform legislation.

PUBLICATIONS

As I See It: Get Involved to Stop Child Abuse, Corvallis Gazette-Times, April 30, 2012

Keep in Mind: Don't Have to be Drunk to Get a DUII, Daily Barometer, February 7, 2012.

Pop Quiz: What You Don't Know About Hit and Runs Can Hurt You, Daily Barometer, May 20, 2011.

Diversion, Dismissal, Expungement, Oh My!, Daily Barometer, April 15, 2011.

Important Tips About Dealing with Law Enforcement, Daily Barometer, March 4, 2011.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Oregon State Bar: member since 1998

Linn-Benton Bar Association: President 2013-2015, Vice-President 2012-2013,

Communications Director 2011-2012
Oregon Women Lawyers: member
Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association: member
Corvallis Zonta: 2000-present
Rotary of Greater Corvallis 2001-2005, 2010-present

EDUCATION

University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, OR J.D. May, 1998.

- Oregon Scholar award;
- Completed Certificates in Criminal Law and Mediation;
- American Inn of Court: honorary student member;
- Student Conduct Hearings Board member;
- Co-Director of Women's Law Forum;
- Student member of architectural design review committee for new law school building;
- First Year representative to Student Bar Association;
- Independent study with Professor Laird Kirkpatrick on admissibility of prior bad acts;
- K-Camp counselor for at-risk youth.

Smith College, Northampton, MA. B.A. in Government, 1993. Minor: Psychology.

Activities: WOZQ radio, debate, rugby, Recreation Council, student government.

- LBJ Fellowship with U.S. Representative Les AuCoin (Washington, D.C.), summer 1988.
- ACLU of Northern California internship, summer 1991.