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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, CHRISTINE WATTS

ABOUT OACA

Oregon Association for Court Administration is a professional organization committed to excellence. The association was established in 1977 and is Oregon's only organization for court professionals and those interested in the Court of Oregon. Our membership includes Justice, Municipal, Tribal and State Court Staff, students, vendors, active and retired judges, and others who share an interest in Oregon Courts.

OACA MISSION

The goal of the OACA Board is to provide beneficial and reasonably priced learning experiences. This is done through conferences held biannually, one in the spring and one in the fall. Each conference provides formal training and allows attendees the opportunity to network with people from similar court environments. The Board works very hard to develop the educational agenda for each conference.

Greeting, all!

This past conference was unforgettable for me. It marked my first conference serving as your President and I enjoyed every second of it! The education and sessions were incredible, the conversations were excellent and overall the energy was simply amazing. I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with everyone and hope the attendees did as well. Please take some time to read the reviews of the classes included in this issue of The Echo. The Purposes and Responsibilities course was very enlightening and a great reminder of why we do what we do as court professionals.

Once again, welcome to our new members! I enjoyed meeting many of you at the new member breakfast and it was so nice to get to know you all. I appreciated your willingness to share information about yourselves and your participation in class.

The Past Presidents Reception was a lot of fun! Adding musical entertainment to the mix reminded me of the banquets years ago. The board discussed morphing the two and I personally think it's a great idea. If you have any suggestions for entertainment for the fall conference in Portland, please email me at wattsc@ci.mcminnville.or.us. I would appreciate it!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Fall Conference at The Red Lion in Portland from October 18th - 20th, 2015. The board is working diligently to ensure we have yet another packed full conference for you all to enjoy.

The annual business meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18th, which means it'll be elections time! I cannot tell you enough how rewarding it is to be on the board. You will find it to be an opportunity to challenge yourself, express yourself and develop wonderful relationships with great people.

If you have any questions regarding any of the positions up for election, feel free to email me and I would be happy to discuss duties with you! We need your help in order to continue steering OACA ahead and through our ever changing profession. Time to step up and help make great things happen!

Presidents message continued on next page

We are continuing our website overhaul/upgrade. It's a slow going process but once we're done it will be very helpful for all members having a one stop shop, so to speak, for all things OACA. We will be moving away from the Yahoo chat group and starting a blog on our own website. Exciting stuff! If you have any suggestions on what you'd like to see on our website let us know and we will make it happen!

If you are currently doing business with a vendor you think might be interested in joining our organization, please have them contact me so we can look at getting them involved with the fall conference.

We take your suggestions seriously and one that came up recently was to add the distribution of educational credits to the agenda prior to conference so members can see how the credits would be applied. This will be helpful if or when you are applying for a scholarship or when looking at where you are within the certification process. The board thought that was an excellent idea! Please keep the good ideas coming. We are only as strong as each other!

I hope you can join us in October! Until then...

Warmest regards, Christine

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Spring Conference New Member Breakfast

We had a great conference at Agate Beach!! On Sunday morning, we hosted the new member breakfast, giving the board a chance to meet and greet the new members, and giving them information regarding our organization. Thank you to all of our new members!

Our Fall Conference will be here before you know it! If you have not yet renewed your 2015 membership, do so right away. Don't miss out on the great opportunities OACA offers. Your membership provides you with great training and education opportunities.

Two conferences a year are offered, giving each of us a chance to network and obtain valuable information to take back to each court. Turn to page 4 for the 2015 membership renewal application.

OACA always welcomes new members and encourages our members to recruit new members from their colleagues and acquaintances. There are some incentives for recruiting new members!!

Refer 3 members in a year and win a free annual membership! Refer 5 new members and win a conference registration! Be sure to have the new member you refer write your name on the application as the person who referred them!

New Member Perception

When I first heard we were going to attend the OACA conference I wasn't exactly thrilled. I thought it could be interesting... maybe. As a 40-something professional, I have been to my share of conferences, conventions, training classes and seminars. Lets face it, after awhile it starts to feel like a re-hash of information we have already hashed the heck out of.

As a new member and a first time attendee I was interested to see what there was to offer but did not get my hopes up. However, from the moment I walked into the New Member Breakfast until the last session of the last day- I was engaged and informed and actually had a wonderful experience. The people were friendly and genuine, and I was very impressed with the quality of the speakers.

I think my favorite part of the conference was the "Rap Session". Discussing issues with other Justice Courts from all over Oregon was incredibly helpful and the intelligence and experience in the room was amazing. Everyone came together and talked about problems, solutions and things that had worked for them that we hadn't even thought of. What a brilliant and wonderful way for us to come together and help one another in a spirit of cooperation and comradery!

Overall, the OACA conference was an awesome experience. I met some really great people, learned a lot of new information and came away feeling smarter and better prepared to tackle the issues we all face back at the office. A big thank-you and kudos to the hard working folks who put this program together!

Janie Hanson
Marion County Justice Court



Oregon Association for Court Administration

2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Oregon Association for Court Administration is a professional organization developed to provide educational opportunities for those individuals interested in the ongoing improvement of the administration of the courts in the State of Oregon. By your signature below, you signify your understanding that your membership in OACA is subject to the By Laws of the Association.

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CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP

Spring 2015 Conference was a great success. I wanted to thank all of our board members and all of our attendees. The participation and insight that you bring enriches every conference. I wanted to personally thank Mary Shroll and Cortney Cox for coordinating an exceptional educational opportunity.

I wanted to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the conference critiques either online or on the handout. A big thank you to Cheryl Stone from Eugene Municipal Court for designing and inputting all of your conference critiques into the survey monkey, Cheryl, your help with this is greatly appreciated! The conference critique responses are taken into consideration when planning educational opportunities, conference destinations and over all conference material. Your input is valuable and necessary!

We received many positive reviews regarding the Rap sessions. 83% gave Yolanda Lewis, who spoke on Purpose and Responsibilities of Court, an excellent rating (maybe we can have her come back to speak again on a different topic). The Active Shooter training also received high ratings. Many of you asked to be contacted, I will bring your names to the next board meeting and a board member will be in touch with you. Also, some of you have given suggestions on what classes you would like to see and those will also be presented at the next board meeting.

I also wanted to thank Allison Sederlin from Springfield Municipal Court, for all her help with all of the electronic equipment at the conference. Her help is also greatly appreciated, more than I can express.

Debbie Arntsen, Conference VP

Thank you again to everyone who helped make my first conference as your VP of Conference a wonderful success. Please remember that the Fall conference will be October 18-20, 2015 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River in Portland Oregon. There is free parking, it is close to shopping and there are great views of the Columbia River and trails to take a relaxing walk/jog.

Our hope is to include some breakout sessions where your case management vendors can have user meetings. If your system is not represented, feel free to join another session and see what some other technologies can do. You may pick up a couple of great ideas to apply back at your office.

As always, we will have a great line up of educational opportunities at the conference! I look forward to seeing everyone there!

EDUCATION

Spring Conference is behind us! We are pleased with all the feedback about the Conference. It was a delight to have Chief Justice Balmer, Jan Carothers, Sean O'Day, and Lt. Doug Mozan there to speak to us. The information was timely, and the speakers were very knowledgeable and presented well!

Yolanda Lewis spoke to us for the MSU course on Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts. Her presentation was a big hit! She gave a great class, and she kept the group engaged throughout the whole day. It was a nice bonus to hear about the monumental case before one of her judges as it was happening. We are glad so many people could be there to participate in this class!

For the fall conference in Portland, we will be having two tracks for Monday's education. The MSU course topic is Leadership. We will have legislative updates, where we will learn more about the issues in front of the House now. One of the important issue is marijuana, and how it will impact court business. DMV will be back to speak to us...we always take away useful information from them! With more good classes in the works, we are looking forward to a great Fall Conference!

Cortney Cox, Co-Education VP
Mary Shroll, Co-Education VP

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2015 SPRING CONFERENCE SESSION REVIEWS

Municipal Court Rap Session – Traffic Only



Q: Verification that administration fees for dismissed citations involving either traffic school or fix it citations are not subject to either state or county assessments.

A: The majority consensus was dismissed citations are not subject to assessments. The administration fees cover the work to verify compliance.

Q: A defendant failed to appear for court, was recited to the next court date, pled guilty and paid the fine; case closed. Over 30 days later his attorney asked for the motion to be set aside noting that the defendant wasn't notified of his right to appeal per ORS 138.057.

A: After discussion between the City Attorney and the Judge the motion was reversed and the defendant was cited for a lesser charge. No one else had run into this situation and the majority consensus was that the traffic courts did not need to post notice of the right to appeal for all defendants at this point in time; to continue notifying defendants of their right to appeal after a trial.

Q: What courts are experiencing Officers offering plea bargain and then recommending the court dismiss the citation.

A: Majority consensus it is not a good practice.

Q: When do you send out subpoenas?

A: Mainly at the request of the officer.

Q: Have you offered an amnesty program and its success rate?

A: A few courts have in conjunction with another court offering an amnesty program. It was suggested to offer the program in the off months. Representatives from the collection companies cautioned you can create a lot of negativity from customers just missing the amnesty dates; while others are only paying half of their fine.

Q: How many courts allow driving while suspended defendants time to get their license back?

A: Answers ranged from 30 days, traffic school for Hispanic drivers with a recite to no operator's license upon completion, 2 to 3 months free of further cites and then a reduction to no operator's license.

It was noted that some courts are charging the maximum fine on fail to appear citations. House Bill 3399 would require justice or municipal courts to record criminal proceedings.

Reviewed by: Debra Manning
City of Dundee

Municipal Court Traffic & Misdemeanor Rap Session

The Rap Session was a full house and we had many topics to discuss. Christine Watts did a wonderful job as the Facilitator.

Electronically filed violation citations (HB 2433) may be a different size or format than a uniform citation as long as all information required is included.

Lisa Tamlyn and Kay Renfro discussed the CDL license – If a defendant had at the time a valid CDL, the court cannot allow special sentencing or alleviate the sentence that other license carriers have available. There was discussion as to when a CDL license was still in effect and if the CDL holder could still be listed as having a CDL even after requesting to have the CDL removed from their record with DMV, prior to the citation. One reason that a CDL could be revoked would be that the CDL holder failed to provide their medical card to DMV. If CDL holders are listed as having a CDL this would disqualify them having any special sentence or alleviate the sentence.

DMV was another issue brought to discussion. DMV no longer has the court line of 503-945-5229 courts now have to use the general phone line 503-945-5400. Some courts mentioned that the fax line to DMV was not working after 4:00 p.m. Salem Municipal Court said it might be that they are faxing all of their documents at the end of the day and this may be the issue. Courts were split as to whether they faxed or mailed in their clearance notices to DMV. Some courts felt there was a liability issue if the clearance documents were not sent promptly to DMV, other courts felt that if we cleared the suspension in a timely manner there was not liability. A word of caution was discussed that DMV has hired a lot of seasonal and temporary staff and training issues have come up; one such issue Springfield Municipal Court had was reinstatements were entered as suspensions.

On June 1st cameras will be required for IID (ignition interlock device) to identify the person blowing into to the IID. OAR 735-118-0040 Questions were raised as to who monitors IID Driver.

Traffic diversion/deferments always bring on discussion, do you pay the criminal fee to the State or not pay the fee.

ORS 137.074 requires fingerprints on convicted felons and certain misdemeanants. Many courts are having problems with getting prints on some criminal cases, if prints are not being taken at the time of the crime. McMinnville purchased a machine for the courtroom and this has alleviated some of those issues. There may be grants to get fingerprinting machines.

The discussion was great, so much information, so little time to address all the questions and issues everyone has. Christine Watts talked about how the OACA website will be hosting a chat group in the future, this would be an excellent way to help answer your questions and discuss current issues.

Reviewed by: Sandra Mills
Junction City Municipal Court

Justice Court Rap Session Review

Once again, the Justice Court Rap Session did not disappoint as a highlight of the conference. Candy Ashby, from Central Lane Justice Court, led a diversified and informative session covering many topics of common interest to all. Below is a composite of the many helpful tips, resources and important topics shared by the participants.

In the helpful resource category, Oregonlawhelp.org is a useful referral resource for small claims and FEDs. It also offers information in Spanish. While LISTSERVE is primarily offered as an information exchange and forum for questions by judges, it is possible for others to join. A word of caution here from those who are already on it was that much of the content would be of little or no to OACA members. Osbar.org also has much to offer including purchase of brochures on topics and actions covered in our courts. And of course offering premium membership benefits is the OACA chat group. To join this really helpful group go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OregonOACA/> and follow the prompts for creating an account.

On the operational front, it appears most Justice Courts are using Chaves Consulting MAJIC court software as their primary court operating system. A welcomed announcement was that the Small Claims module within MAJIC is about to get an update under the stewardship of Becky Robertson. Becky asked for input for consideration as her team works on improving the functionality of the small claims and FED sections within MAJIC. Also, it was strongly advised that if your court is not currently noting class codes when entering tickets in MAJIC, you should start doing so as reporting requirements will be coming. Further, it is strongly suggested that if you are not doing E-abstracts now; it is the time to start doing so. The DMV is already accepting system generated hardcopies and electronic submission is scheduled to begin testing in June.

The evolution of e-citations has not been without controversy. Apparently, at least one very clever attorney was able to have cases dismissed because the electronic citations issued did not conform to the size and shape previously specified in statute. HB 2433, declaring an emergency and becoming effective March 18, 2015, provides that an electronically filed criminal citation may be of different format or size than the uniform citation.

On the legislative front, proposed HB 2316 would increase fees for many if not all of the small claims, FED and civil case filing costs. HB 3399 introduces recording requirements and judicial qualification parameters for limited jurisdictional courts. SB 385 recommends that NO weapons are to be allowed in court.

Last but not least, in related security matters, monies are available from the State Court Security Fund. Linn County was able to secure \$10,000 to install security doors and windows.

Also mentioned is that CJIS is doing audits and at some point everyone will receive a "friendly" visit. This is not intended to be cynical. According to those that have undergone the process the point of the audit is to actively provide an honest assessment of current court procedures and guidance is offered to remedy any compliance issues.

As noted in the beginning, this session never fails to enlighten, inform and sometimes amuse. Never to be missed!

Reviewed by: Stella Clyne

Chief Justice Thomas A. Balmer

Chief Justice Thomas A. Balmer outlined three distinct reasons why limited jurisdiction courts will be around far into the future. He stated they are Important, Constitutional and Institutional. They serve an important function in Oregon because they hold judicial power over city ordinances, traffic violations, lesser crimes, etc. The fact that Oregon has the ability to have small, limited jurisdiction courts relieves the larger county and state courts of the multitude of cases these jurisdictions generate. They are also constitutional. Article 7 of the Oregon Constitution outlines their place in the Oregon Judicial Branch. Limited jurisdiction courts are also institutional, meaning they have an important place in the communities they reside in.

Chief Justice Balmer then spoke about some current events regarding the future of limited jurisdiction courts. Two major bills being considered are mandatory training for judges that are not attorneys, and the possible requirement of courts to record misdemeanor hearings. Both of these possibilities could have a drastic effect on courts in Oregon. There's also concern being raised that limited jurisdiction courts exist or are being created only to boost general fund revenues for municipalities or counties. An example of this is in Josephine County where a court was established to raise revenues because of lost timber revenue. Chief Justice Balmer insisted that courts not focus their energy on revenue, but rather on public safety, procedural fairness, providing fair Due Process, and friendly, courteous service.

Reviewed by: Matt Ellerbrook
City of Woodburn



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Ms. Carothers is a certified personnel consultant who brought excitement, challenges and fun to the session on the much discussed topic of customer service.

Ms. Carothers presentation challenged attendees to look at our moments of truth in service. What is the tough service challenges court clerks' face, and how do we address the needs of our courts and serve our customers. If not us, then who will represent, share, and respect the values of courts. As court personnel we lead, influence and support.

Perception is everything. People have an invisible report card in their heads and they do score us on how we fulfill their needs. Customers need to feel they were treated in a friendly manner, but service goes far beyond a smile. They want to be treated with understanding, empathy and fairness, be given accurate information and be offered options or alternatives.

As court clerks, we may be the only face of the court, the municipality, that our customers encounter. It is imperative they we are knowledgeable of our position, what we can and cannot do for our customers, and assist them in handling an embarrassing or unpleasant situation. Ms. Carothers spoke on the attitude of a court professional, the reflection that assures our public that our city, state and government is known for respectful human service. As court professionals we need to know and understand the rules and regulations that govern us, what the court policies are, and how those policies are administered.

Communication was an ongoing theme throughout the session. Ms. Carothers spoke about "going slow to go fast." It is easier to handle one person well by listening, having empathy, and making certain they understand the first time rather than having to repeat or re-explain a procedure two or three times. As a public servant we maintain the commitment to give sufficient attention and effort to each and every person and, to find the best available solution there is to their problem. It is imperative that we approach each situation with respect, an open mind and curiosity to explore all possible solutions for the individual.

The class was reassuring that we cannot please everyone all of the time. People have a right to be angry and to communicate their anger. It is essential for court professionals to avoid getting derailed by destructive behavior. The class discussed the triggers and hooks that "get to us" individually and how we can avoid the pitfalls. It was reassuring to look at ways to avoid the bait and establish that we can stay out of the pit by being neutral and not engaging emotionally. The class reinforced that as professionals we take pride in our ability to deal effectively with other people's strong emotions. It is our expertise!

The class was interactive with group participation and table activities. As a group we discussed our individual customer service perspective and what "knocks your socks off." It was enlightening to share what we perceive as great customer service and how we can give that type of service to our customers.

The handout Ms. Carothers provided is informative and a great resource. I would suggest that anyone looking to review and refresh customer service skills contact an OACA board member and get your copy.

Reviewed by: Carol Humphreys
Linn County Justice Court

Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts – Morning Session

In her opening statement, presenter Yolanda Lewis provided some background on her role as Court Administrator for Superior Court, Fulton County in Atlanta Georgia and lining up topics for the day including understanding values and underpinning of the American Court System, defining core values with focus on dispute resolution and operations, identifying trends in court reform forcing change and applying values to specialized tasks. Ms. Lewis posed the question to her audience: How do you feel when you come to work? Responses included “happy”, “under water” and “war zone”. As leaders, we are learning new processes and learning how to make our employees happy while dealing with those employees who are just “showing up” to work. Our front desk people are our investment; they are in a powerful position as the face of the court. Ms. Lewis challenged us to educate our new employees on why courts exist and why they need to do what they do. Courts exist to do justice, guaranty liberty, enhance social order, resolve disputes, maintain rule of law, equal protection and due process of law. Courts exist to serve the public, not judges, court managers or attorneys.

A discussion of system versus institution followed, with emphasis on the fact that the clerks promote a system of accountability within the court. An outline was provided of the Court’s different organizational responsibilities including providing individual justice on individual cases, providing a forum for resolution of legal disputes and rehabilitating people convicted of crime. Ms. Lewis moved into the historical trend of the court backdating to the Magna Carta from the year 1215, then the Declaration of Independence in 1776 followed by the Articles of the Constitution in 1789. The Rule of Law provided for clear separation of power, translating into more than one branch of government; judicial power was created in the third branch, investing in one Supreme Court to decide cases according to federal, state and local laws. The morning session concluded with a review of the most notable Supreme Court decisions and discussion on which of these decisions affect us the most.

Reviewed by: Lisa Baker

The Importance of Court Administrators to the Judicial Process—Afternoon Session

The afternoon session continued with Ms. Lewis emphasizing the concept of equal protection and due process as the most important part of law. She stressed the importance for court professionals to recognize the 'big picture' of judicial administration, and stated "over 70% of what happens in the courthouse every day is *not trial oriented*, but administrative". As administrators and clerks, we focus on the management of court duties and responsibilities so judges can focus on ensuring justice. As such, our role within the court system is that of making sure Rule of Law, Equal Protection, and Due Process is delivered every day through various means – such as making resources (interpreters, on-line payments, video appearance, etc.) available to everyone. In serving the public, our responsibilities include eliminating any and all potential barriers (location, physical structure, procedures, language) to court services.

Several group activity exercises were conducted to further emphasize the role each court employee has (from cleaning crew to IT, to finance) in providing due process within the judicial system.

Resources mentioned in the presentation included: NACM (Nat'l Association for Court Management); and Court Tools – Court performance measures to track case management efficiency.

Reviewed by: Deborah J. Lobey

Active Shooter Training

This class is one that is a necessary evil—we don't like to think about having an active shooter, but we need to be prepared just in case. There have been 13 shootings in courthouses: 2005, 2011, 2012 & 2013, closest being in Salem. Something else to think about: It takes an average of 3-5 minutes for police to respond depending on your area. Most of the time the event is over before police can even get there. It is good to bring this forward to our minds to keep us alert in times of crisis.

Speaker Lt. Doug Mozan showed us that 13 years of the "lockdown" method has yielded no improvement. People have been taught to hide, turn lights off, stay quiet, kind of as if it will go away if you don't bother it. Times have changed. He showed statistics that in some cases, teachers were able to get kids out of the classroom and out a window and more than 90% of class survived. In that instance the teacher and his assistant were the only loss of life. They stayed and blocked the door for others to get out. In Columbine students were under a table being an easy target, because this is what they were told to do. The Shooter started shooting them, some students fled and got out of the building. They survived. Those that stayed were killed. He showed us another scenario of a Council member surviving an attack by pushing chairs and getting away from the attacker. It is time to fight back. Use staplers, chairs, paper reams, make noise, or anything. Sometimes just doing this throws the attacker off his game. He won't be expecting that. In the past, we have tried to announce over the intercom system in a way as to not upset or let the assailant know he is being watched.

The new thinking is to say it on the intercom, let the attacker know we are not afraid. Say where he is so doors can get locked, keeping him out of the entire building. It also warns others of where he is so they can get out safely. It also can cause him to rethink what he is doing. It messes with his plan. As a matter of fact, the speaker says that in some cases the attacker kills themselves then instead of later.

With this being said, Lieutenant Mozan teaches the **ALERT** method as mentioned above: **A=Alert** (make aware), **L=Lockdown** (your own lockdown procedures implemented), **I=Inform** (provide real-time information, good for decision making, could confuse & frustrate attacker), **C=Counter** (stimulus, noise, movement, distractions, fight back), **E=Evacuate** (removes as many potential targets as possible, do not go to vehicles, keep going until you don't sense danger anymore). You should check with your city to see if there are any ALICE trainers in your area. Cortney Cox, Co-Vice President of Education, can get a list to give to OACA members if requested.

Reviewed by Sue Carlile-Hopper
Beaverton Municipal Court



Oregon Marijuana 101

The OACA session on the history and impacts of new legislation related to recreational and medical marijuana was among the favorites at the Spring Conference. Mr. O'Day started our session with the history of marijuana regulation in Oregon starting back in 1923.

After covering the history of marijuana regulation in the State of Oregon, Mr. O'Day provided an overview of the current Oregon Medical Marijuana Act. He reviewed the three different types of card holders (patient, caregiver, and grower) and explained the concept of "card stacking" which can result in the possession of large amounts of marijuana, more than is likely to be used for medical purposes. Mr. O'Day then talked about some of the complexities around regulating medical marijuana and the problems associated with the excess supply. We reviewed data by county regarding the numbers of cardholders around the State. We reviewed deficiencies of the current medical marijuana infrastructure.

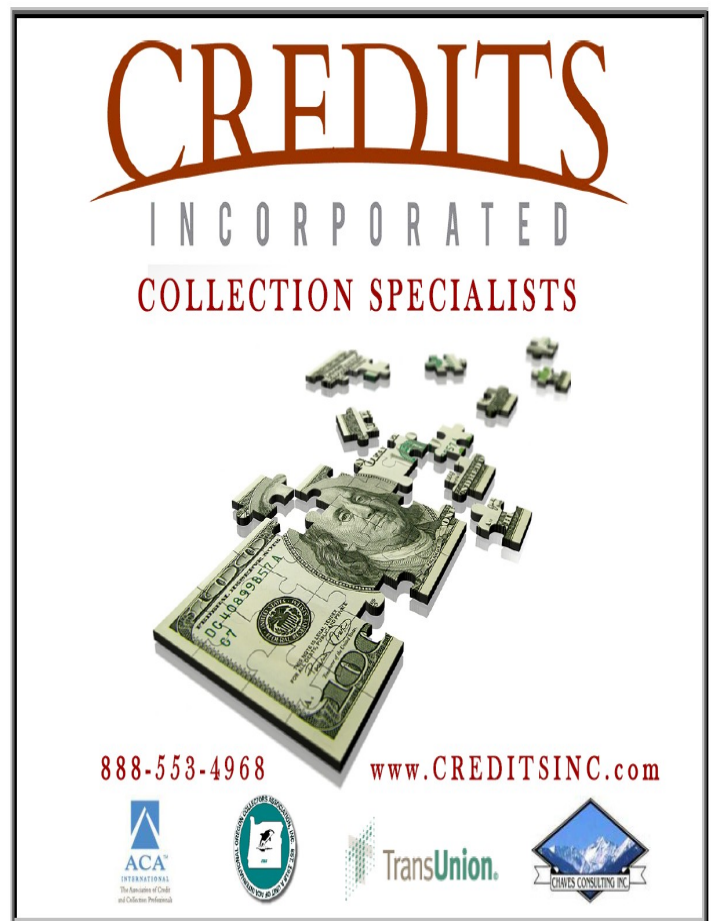
Mr. O'Day also gave an overview of Measure 91, which (1) allows individuals to possess certain amounts of marijuana for personal use starting July 1, 2015 and (2) establishes a licensed regulatory scheme for the growing, processing, and retail sales of marijuana starting no earlier than January 1, 2016.

Because local governments, particularly municipal courts, will be addressing the impacts and unintended consequences of marijuana legalization, throughout his presentation, Mr. O'Day addressed the ability of local governments to regulate in this area. He cited cases where local governments have been challenged, and noted those cases are still in the appeals process. In those discussions Mr. O'Day explained the difference between a "home rule" state like Oregon, versus "Dillon's rule" state. Specifically, in a home rule state and local governments may exercise local control unless explicitly prohibited or pre-empted by state law.

The audience left the presentation with a better understanding of the two different marijuana systems in Oregon and the issues and challenges local communities are and will be facing. However, as Mr. O'Day noted, the answers to many of those challenges are unanswered and answers will remain elusive unless the Legislature acts to close loop holes, clarify local government authority, and fund robust law enforcement.

Information from this presentation and current developments in the area of marijuana regulation and local control can be found on the [League of Oregon Cities](#) website.

Reviewed by: Cheryl Stone,
Eugene Municipal Court



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