Multnomah Bar Association

Wednesday May 2, 2012 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

World Trade Center Mezzanine Room, Building 2, 26 SW Salmon, Portland

Registration forms with payment must be received by the MBA office by May 1 or the "at the door" registration fee will apply.

This seminar will be worth one OSB MCLE credit. One Washington MCLE credit can be obtained individually. Registrants who miss the seminar may request the handout materials. Sorry, no refunds. Substitutions are welcome; non-members may be subject to an additional fee. Accommodations available for persons with disabilities; please call in advance for arrangements.

Mandatory Sentencing with Chief Justice De Muniz

Over the last 30 years, Oregon's average annual prison population has grown by 448% while the state's violent crime rate has fallen by 45%. Over the last 15 years, Oregon's overall public safety spending has risen by 500% and the Department of Corrections budget has risen by 770%.

In view of these and related developments, Governor Kitzhaber convened the Commission on Public Safety, chaired by Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz. The Governor charged the Commission with developing recommendations for changes to Oregon's sentencing policy in order better to harmonize criminal justice goals and budgetary realities. On December 30, 2011, the Commission presented its final report to the Governor.

The Commission has recommended that Oregon pursue thoroughgoing revisions to the way it sentences criminals in order to "optimize the use of Oregon's most expensive corrections resource — prisons." Doing so will require a sensitive balancing of numerous imperatives, each with a constituency of its own, and involve interests dear to all Oregon lawyers, not only those who specialize in criminal law. Join **Chief Justice De Muniz** for a lunchtime presentation on what he learned as chair of the Commission and what its recommendations might mean to Oregon and to you.

For more information: Call Bear Wilner-Nugent, Attorney at Law at 503.351.2327 With registration questions, call the MBA at 503.222.3275.

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