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SEMINAR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 16

- 8:15 Registration and Continental Breakfast
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- 8:40 **Introduction and Welcome**
Overview of the Day
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- 8:45 **History and Overview of Medical Marijuana in the State of Oregon**
Interaction Among Municipal, State and Federal Law; Federal Policy of Non-enforcement
Leland Berger, Esq.
Portland
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- 9:30 **Initiative Petition 28 for Oregon Dispensaries**
Where Do We Find the Medicine Today and Where Will We Find It Tomorrow?
John Lucy IV, Esq.
Portland
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- 10:15 Morning Break
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- 10:30 **Oregon Medical Marijuana Program**
The Act's History, Purpose, Procedures, Statistics, Senate Bills 1085 and 161
Tawana C. Nichols, MBA, Manager of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program
Oregon Department of Human Services, Portland
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- 11:15 **One of the Nation's First Cannabis Cafés**
Staying Within the Confines of the Law
Paul Loney, Esq.
Portland
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- 12:00 Lunch Break
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- 1:15 **Out in the Field**
Representing Card Holders in Oregon
Brian Michaels, Esq.
Eugene
-
- 2:00 **Ethics**
Advising People in the Industry
David Elkanich, Esq.
Hinshaw & Culbertson, Portland
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- 3:00 Afternoon Break
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- 3:15 **Weed at Work**
Employer Concerns: Safety, Productivity, Legal Compliance; Employee Workplace Rights: Non-discrimination and Accommodation Under State and Federal Disability Laws; Privacy Interests; State Law Criminal Exemption and the Workplace: the Interplay; Suggestions for Reform
David Black, Esq.
Jackson Lewis, Seattle
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- 4:00 **Insurance Issues**
Unique Concerns for Growers and Building Owners
J.B. Woods, Co-Owner
Greenpoint Insurance Group, Parker
-
- 4:45 **Legalization**
Money *Can* Grow on Trees
Madeline Martinez, Executive Director
Oregon NORML, Portland
Russ Belville, National Outreach Coordinator
NORML, Portland
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- 5:30 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Russ Belville is Executive Director and Founder of the Cannabis Café and host of the radio show *Stash* from www.norml.org. He was previously the host of *The Russ Belville Show* on XM Satellite radio. He is a registered medical marijuana caregiver in Oregon. He has been the High Times "Freedom Fighter of the Month" for his work producing Oregon NORML's TV show, A Cannabis Community Forum, and for helping to institute Portland's medical marijuana card holders meetings, where sick and disabled Oregonians acquire cannabis plant starts, learn gardening, and understand the medical marijuana law.

Leland Berger practices from his home in Portland, Oregon. His practice emphasizes the representation of therapeutic cannabis patients and their caregivers statewide. He assisted in drafting the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, and has also worked on its implementation, including impact litigation. His practice includes non-cannabis related criminal defense state court trial work, along with a broad array of appellate work. He also occasionally assists in the pro bono representation of people arrested during protests. He is a frequent lecturer on legal issues relating to the defense of medical cannabis patients.

David Black has practiced labor and employment law for the past 15 years in Michigan, Oregon and Washington, with a balance between employment litigation and counseling. He has significant bench and jury trial experience, including cases of alleged disability discrimination, race discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, whistleblower, and other employment tort disputes. His counseling practice includes the full range of workplace issues, with emphasis on preventing problems through strategic measures geared toward litigation prevention and preparation through the use of contracts, HR systems and policies.

David Elkanich practices in the area of litigation with a focus on attorney disciplinary and legal ethics. He advises lawyers, law firms and corporate legal departments in legal ethics, risk management and professional responsibility matters. Mr. Elkanich also handles professional liability, commercial litigation, consumer litigation and appellate matters. He has experience representing financial institutions and in defending clients in matters arising from the application of the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act and the Fair Credit Reporting Act. He was previously a staff attorney with Metropolitan Public Defenders.

Paul Loney has practiced in both Oregon state and federal courts for the past 17 years, and has served as Oregon NORML's legal counsel for the past 11 years. He developed the legal blueprint for the first American high-profile cannabis café, Oregon NORML's Cannabis Café, and the first high-profile smoker's lounge, Highway 420. He focuses on a variety of legal issues associated with the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, specifically administrative law and governmental agencies, business law and the formation of business entities, criminal defense litigation and appeals, as well as estate planning.

John Lucy IV is the founder of Law420.com, the former director of North Carolina NORML, former NORML Legal Research Assistant, and recipient of the High Times Freedom Fighter of the Month Award, as well as a lifetime member of the NORML Legal Committee. His practice is devoted to controlled substance work and medical marijuana issues in Oregon and Washington, DC, from his Portland office with the occasional sidetrack into First Amendment religious and Second Amendment gun rights issues. John speaks regularly at events related to Medical Cannabis, including Oregon Hempstalk and The National NORML Conference.

Madeline Martinez was the recipient of NORML's 2007 Pauline Sabin Award for women's leadership in the cannabis movement. She is co-creator of the annual Oregon Medical Cannabis Awards, the first event of its kind in the nation, and a member of Oregon's Advisory Committee on Medical Marijuana. Currently, she is co-chief petitioner for the Oregon Cannabis Tax Act, a statewide initiative for 2010 that will tax and regulate cannabis for adult consumption, allow farmers to grow industrial hemp and fund state social service programs.

Brian Michaels has been practicing criminal defense and civil rights litigation in Eugene, Oregon, for nearly 20 years. He specializes in drug crimes (victimless crimes a specialty), search and seizure, RICO, civil rights, and mass gathering issues, particularly focusing on the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act. As such, he is on the Advisory Committee to the State Medical Marijuana Program. He is also a long-standing political activist in the community, focusing on such issues as preserving civil liberties, the right to publicly assemble, and freedom of speech. He is also lifetime member of NORML.

Tawana C. Nichols has worked for the State of Oregon for over 13 years and with the Public Health Division for 7 years, as a Manager. As Manager, she is responsible for executing public laws related to medical marijuana use, administration of the registration system for cardholders, directing the operations of the OMMP, and developing policies and procedures to meet the needs of the law. She has been involved in re-alignment of the OMMP database project, presented to the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, NORML Oregon Medical Cannabis Awards, and the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

J.B. Woods started his insurance career 19 years ago with Northwestern Mutual Life, then became an agent for Allstate Insurance for 10 years. His Greenpoint Insurance brokerage was founded in 2008. Mr. Woods has provided consulting services to insurance companies due to his knowledge of the industry and its products. He is licensed in property/casualty, life and health insurance in Colorado. He also maintains a nonresident insurance license in California. The *Denver Post* named Mr. Woods the "guru of ganja insurance" due to his firm's concentration on the medical marijuana industry.

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