

Take Me to Lunch – a Novel Way for New Lawyers to Get Help

New lawyers quickly learn how to reach out to more seasoned members of the bar for advice. From <u>mentoring programs</u> to joining <u>bar sections</u> and related <u>legal organizations</u>, there are many opportunities to connect. But what if you need a one-on-one consultation?

If you're looking for informal advice over the phone, call <u>Lawyer to Lawyer</u> (503) 431-6408 or (800) 452-8260 (elsewhere in Oregon). The <u>Lawyer to Lawyer</u> program maintains a list of experienced practitioners by area of expertise and geographic location. These attorneys, known as "Resource Lawyers," are available to help less experienced members of the bar at no charge. Any lawyer can call to request the names and numbers of three Resource Lawyers registered in a particular area. Names are given out in rotation so that referrals are evenly distributed. Resource Lawyers expect to spend approximately 10 to 15 minutes on each phone consultation.

If you're looking for something more than a brief telephone call, use the "Take Me To Lunch Panel." In exchange for lunch, Resource Lawyers from the <u>Lawyer to Lawyer</u> program agree to spend one to two hours advising less experienced lawyers. The only cost? Buying the experienced practitioner a bit of lunch.

Over 17 practice areas and 160 sub-specialties are covered by Lawyer to Lawyer:

- Administrative
- Bankruptcy
- Business and Corporate
- Consumer
- Criminal
- Debtor/Creditor
- Family Law
- General Litigation
- Intellectual Property

- Labor and Employment
- Public Benefits
- Real Property
- Taxation
- Wills and Trusts/Probate
- Workers' Compensation
- Other

If you have a question, are unsure how to proceed, or need feedback on how to handle a particular issue, consider using <u>Lawyer to Lawyer</u>. It's a terrific (and under-utilized resource) brought to you by the <u>Oregon State Bar</u>. If you have a tax or accounting question in one of your cases, use Lawyer to CPA, a free reciprocal arrangement between the Oregon State Bar and <u>Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants</u> (OSCPA). To speak to a participating CPA, call the OSPCA's Peer Consulting Service at (503) 641-7200 (Portland metro area) or 800-255-1470 (elsewhere in Oregon).

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