

Networking and Career Building for Lawyers

If you are actively engaged in a job search, then you already know about the importance of <u>networking</u>. The question is: *what have you done about it?*

On April 1 the <u>Oregon Federal Bar Association</u> and <u>Oregon Attorney Assistance Program</u> cosponsored a program on networking and career building for lawyers. This program was a fine follow-up to last year's <u>Job Search 2010 for Lawyers and Law Students</u>, also sponsored by the <u>Oregon Attorney Assistance Program</u>.

If you were not able to attend *Networking and Career Building for Lawyers*, I encourage you to order the **free** CD or DVD from our <u>Web site</u> and download the handout. In addition to the Keynote Address by <u>The Honorable Ann Aiken</u>, you will hear about:

- Building Your Career One Lunch at a Time
- Getting in the Door: How to Find Firm or Other Employment
- Life as a Contract Attorney: Benefits and Opportunities
- Networking through Community Involvement
- Attorneys in Government (counsel positions)
- Serving in State and Local Government (non-counsel)
- Opportunities for Private Industry Attorneys
- Attorneys Working at Non-Profits
- Attorneys Working at Universities and Colleges
- International Opportunities for Lawyers
- Serving as an Administrative Law Judge or Pro Tem Judge
- Developing Your Career through Pro Bono Opportunities
- Taking the Plunge: How to Start and Develop a Solo Practice

Job Search 2010 for Lawyers and Law Students is also available on the PLF Web site free of charge. This full day program included the following topics:

- Conducting an effective job search
- A systematic approach to conducting informational interviews
- Networking for introverts
- Resume and job interview prep
- Views of the legal market from law school career services professionals
- How to effectively use the Internet and social media in your job search
- Job search success stories
- Taking care of yourself when you are unemployed and looking for your next job

I hope you take advantage of these resources and the free career transition services offered by the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program.

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