

Willamette Valley American Inn of Court
April 21, 2022

Presenter Bios

Hon. Sean Armstrong was appointed by Governor Kate Brown on January 19, 2016. Prior to serving as Marion County Circuit Court Judge, he was a family law attorney and shareholder at Garrett Hemann Robertson PC. Judge Armstrong is a graduate of George Mason University Law School and former President of the Marion County Bar Association.

Michelle Vlach-Ing focuses her practice on mediation, arbitration and litigation in the areas of domestic relations, civil and criminal law. She primarily lives in Salem, Oregon with her husband, two children, and two dogs. When she is not working, Michelle likes to volunteer at her children's school and travel. The most fantastic trip she recalls was a safari in Tanzania.

Aaron Jeffers attended Bethel College (where he made first string Left Tackle) before graduating with honors in History from Georgia State University. After observing injustice firsthand while working for the Southern Poverty Law Center, Aaron decided to dedicate his career to public defense. Aaron received a fellowship from the Willamette University Public Interest Law Project that allowed him clerk for the Public Defender of Marion County after his first year of law school. Aaron continued to clerk for PDMC throughout law school and was proud to join them as an attorney upon graduation. Aaron was allowed to work the 2013 Legislative session as co-lobbyist for the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association and is currently a member of the OCDLA Legislative Committee and the OCDLA Education Committee. Aaron has served as a member of the Oregon State Bar's Uniform Criminal Jury Instruction Committee, and as a Board Member for the non-profit Deschutes Family Recovery. When he's not zealously defending your constitutional rights, Aaron loves to enjoy the bounty of the Willamette Valley and explore the rest of Oregon with his family.

Janet Graham is the lead family law attorney at Northwest Veterans Law. The focus of Janet's practice is representing Veterans and Servicemembers in divorce and child custody matters. Janet served in the Army and was primarily stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. After her enlistment ended, she returned to Oregon and attended law school at Willamette. She now lives on a small farm outside of Salem with her husband and two children.

John Vehrs is a Willamette graduate and recently admitted attorney. These days, he mostly works on probate and estate planning matters. Before law school, he worked in the hazelnut and wine grape industry. In his off time, he enjoys hiking and playing ultimate frisbee.

Nicole Lemieux is a law clerk at David L Kramer, P.C. and waiting on February bar results. She went to school to at Willamette and is a part of the 21' graduating class. Nicole lives in Salem and enjoys spending Friday nights at the Ticket to Ride board game cafe.