

KATHRYN MARY PRATT
CLE Biography

Kathryn Mary “Kary” Pratt has been practicing since 1994. Prior to that date, she served as a clerk on the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. Since then, she has worked for the law firms of Kennedy King & Zimmer and Dunn Carney. In October 2000, Kary’s focus shifted to solo practice. She is a member of the Professional Liability Fund’s Defense Panel and has defended claims against numerous Oregon attorneys. She also works on contract for attorneys throughout the state, preparing strategy and documents in complex matters.

Kary has spoken at numerous CLE programs on the topics of federal practice, ethics, professionalism, legal malpractice, practice and procedure and electronic discovery, just to name a few. Kary has participated in numerous organizations, and has served on the Boards or Executive Committees of Oregon’s Federal Bar Association, the Owen M. Panner Inns of Court and the Oregon District Court Historical Society. She has won the District of Oregon’s Federal Practice Award, as well as two Federal Bar Association Shaw Grants based on her service. She has also chaired and served on numerous committees, including the Oregon State Bar’s Ethics Committee, the Multnomah Bar Association’s Young Lawyer’s Service to the Bar Committee, the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, New Lawyer’s Practice Group, and the Oregon State Bar Federal Practice Committee. She is currently serving her third term as Bar Counsel and, in that capacity, has tried several discipline cases against lawyers on behalf of the Oregon State Bar in conjunction with the Bar’s Disciplinary Counsel and been involved in the settlement or dismissal of other disciplinary matters.

Kary has also written numerous articles and published a book. The articles she authored in 2007 include: “Oregon Supreme Court Expands “Persons” Subject to the Advance Payment Statute” for the PLF’s *In Brief* Newsletter, “Dangers of Claw Back and Quick Peek Agreements” and “Understanding the Rules Relating to Contention Interrogatories,” both for the *For the District* Newsletter. The Fall 2007 issue of *In Brief* will feature an article Kary co-authored with the Deputy Director of Operational Services for the United States District Court for the District of Oregon entitled “*Ten Essentials Every Lawyer Needs To Know About E-Filing And E-Notices In Oregon’s Federal District Court.*” Kary’s book, *2007 District of Oregon Local Rules of Civil Practice Annotated*, was published last year and a new edition will be coming out in November 2008. Updates to this book are published quarterly in the *For the District* Newsletter.