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OREGON STATE BAR'S EVANS WINNER OF PRESTIGIOUS PEER AWARD

The National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC) today announced that Dawn Miller Evans will be the recipient of the 2015 President's Award for her many noteworthy contributions to the legal profession and for a lifetime of achievement in legal ethics, professional responsibility, and disciplinary enforcement. The NOBC is an organization of legal professionals whose members regulate the professional conduct of lawyers licensed to practice law in the United States and abroad. The award will be presented to Ms. Evans at the NOBC's Mid-Year Conference in Houston, Texas.

Ms. Evans is Disciplinary Counsel and Director of Regulatory Services at the Oregon State Bar, an integrated Bar that has over 14,000 active members, an \$11 million annual budget and employs a staff of approximately 90 people. Ms. Evans has oversight responsibility for the State Bar's attorney discipline office and the bar admissions department. The State Bar is located in Tigard, Oregon, and its mission is to serve justice by promoting respect for the rule of law, by improving the quality of legal services and by increasing access to justice.

The NOBC President's Award is presented annually to a lawyer-regulator who has achieved received national recognition for significant contributions to the legal profession.

Tracy L. Kepler the President of the NOBC, stated that:

Her contributions to the fields of attorney discipline and professional responsibility have touched not only the membership of the State Bars of Texas, Michigan and most recently, Oregon, but the NOBC as a whole. Her energy, initiative and drive are matched only by her humility. When presented with news of the award, her reaction was that she genuinely feels she has gotten more out of the NOBC than she could possibly have ever given. It is my great pleasure and honor to present the 2015 NOBC President's Award to Dawn Evans.

Janet Welch, Executive Director of the State Bar of Michigan, said of the award:

Dawn Evans served as the State Bar of Michigan's Director of Professional Standards for several years. In that capacity, her intelligence, expertise, and integrity were a tremendous asset to the legal profession in Michigan, and we join with the NOBC in celebrating Dawn's outstanding contributions to professional ethics.

John Berry, Legal Division Director of the Florida Bar and the NOBC's Delegate to the ABA House, said of Ms. Evans the following:

Having had the chance to work with Dawn in the NOBC and at the State Bar of Michigan, I have had the privilege to see a person with brilliant legal skills combined with the greatest interpersonal skills one could ask for. To summarize my feelings about Dawn: there is no job too difficult for her, no job she would be unwilling to do it if helped others and the profession she loves, and no person who would not consider it the highest of privileges to work with her.

Prior to joining the Oregon State Bar in 2014, Ms. Evans served as the Director of Professional Standards with the State Bar of Michigan since June of 2005. In that position, Ms. Evans was responsible for administering the Bar's programs that pertain to ethics and professionalism as well as those programs that have regulatory functions, including Character and Fitness, Ethics, Client Protection Fund, Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program, Lawyer Referral Service, and Unauthorized Practice of Law.

Before joining the State Bar of Michigan, Evans worked for eighteen years in attorney discipline at the State Bar of Texas, the last five years of which as Chief Disciplinary Counsel. She is a former president of the National Organization of Bar Counsel and, during her years in private practice, held positions as a director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association and

president of the Walker County Bar Association. She is a graduate of University of Texas School of Law and holds a bachelor of arts cum laude in history and government from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

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