

Why I Use the Oregon Lawyers' Conference Room

The Professional Liability Fund, in collaboration with the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program, offers Oregon lawyers free use of a conference room in downtown Portland. The conference room is located at 520 SW Yamhill Street, Suite 1025, Portland, Oregon 97204.

Here is what one lawyer had to say about using the Oregon Lawyers' Conference Room.

- **Convenient Location:** I've been using the conference room since it became available, and I really like that it's located downtown. The location makes a lot of sense to me because my clients are middle- and low-income individuals who rely on public transportation to meet me. So it's really an access to justice service.
- **Free of Charge:** One of the biggest expenses in running a law practice, especially for solo practitioners and small firms, is a place to meet clients. For me, the hardest thing to do is pay extra rent every month for an office or meeting space. Having access to this conference room essentially allows attorneys to work for themselves and to craft work-life balance. It's a very supportive service from the PLF and the OAAP.
- **Confidential:** The conference room is a confidential space to meet clients. Some lawyers meet clients at coffee shops, but that's not confidential. Here, you don't have to worry about someone overhearing your conversation.
- **Safe:** I don't feel comfortable having clients come to my home. I need a barrier between my living space and where I meet clients. The conference room is a safe private meeting room in a quasi-public space. It's very different from meeting someone at the library, even when you're in a closed-off room.
- **Amenities:** The room is always clean and well-maintained. It holds about six to eight people, and it has password-protected Wi-Fi.
- **Convenience of Scheduling:** The online scheduling tool is really easy to use. I like that you have a dedicated account. Once you reserve the space, you receive a confirmation email. I also like that the automated system sends me reminders and keeps track of my prior appointments.
- **Questions?** To reserve space through the online calendar system, go to www.osbplf.org > Practice Management > Oregon Lawyers' Conference Room, or contact Jeanne Ulrich, Oregon Lawyers' Conference Room coordinator, at 503.226.1057.

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