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Attorney Mary Amos Augsburger holds the distinction as the first female CEO of the Ohio State Bar Association and only the fourth leader in the organization’s 138-year history.

As CEO, Augsburger leads and directs this $11 million professional legal association that represents more than 21,000 Ohio lawyers and judges, which is nearly 57% of Ohio law practitioners. Total membership of the OSBA is approx. 26,000, which includes paralegals and student associate members. In this executive leadership role, Augsburger directs the OSBA’s mission, goals, policy positions and related operational policies. She leads a 64-person staff, and oversees all programs and services to members. Additionally, she orchestrates the Association’s 24-member board and supervises the organization’s budget and fiscal management of building operations.

In 2012, Augsburger joined the Ohio State Bar Association as Legislative Counsel. Pursuing her passion for advocacy, she managed the OSBA’s legislative program. In this capacity, she served as the OSBA’s lobbyist and advocate, and drafted and negotiated proposal legislation and policy initiatives for state budget issues, civil justice and workers’ compensation reforms and taxation, banking, and corporate law changes.

Originally from Mansfield, Ohio, she earned her law degree from Capital University Law School and her undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University. She is married with one child.

William R. Bay
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An accomplished litigator with a career-long record of service to the local, state and national bar, Bill Bay is a St. Louis partner with Thompson Coburn LLP, an AmLaw 200 firm with offices across the United States. As the chair of the ABA House of Delegates, Bill serves in the second-highest office in the ABA and leads the organization’s policymaking body.

Bill has a long history of service and leadership at the ABA. He is a past chair (2012-2013) of the Section of Litigation, the largest section of the ABA. He has served as a member of the ABA Board of Governors and chaired its Finance Committee from 2015-16. Additionally, Bill has been a member of the ABA House of Delegates since 2002, serving on numerous committees. Bill has served in leadership positions at other ABA entities, including its Standing Committee on Bar Activities & Services (chair, 2009-12); Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession; Commission on Governance; Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fundraising Committee; Standing Committee on Membership; Death Penalty Representation Project; and Young Lawyers Division. He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Beyond the ABA, Bill is active in several local and state bar associations. He is a past president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and a past member of The Missouri Bar Board of Governors, where he chaired several committees. He is a fellow of The Missouri Bar Foundation.

Bay received his B.A. from the University of Missouri and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

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Michelle is the principal of the firm Michelle Behnke & Associates, where her practice is focused in the areas of business advising, commercial real estate, and estate planning. Michelle is involved in the American Bar Association, currently serving as the Treasurer. Michelle has also served on the ABA Board of Governors, she formerly served as Chair of the Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services and she has served on the Standing Committee on Membership. Michelle served as the President of the State Bar of Wisconsin 2004-2005.

Michelle received her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Economics and her law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. She has 30 years of experience in the real estate
area and was elected to membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. She has also been listed in both the Best Lawyers in America and Wisconsin Super Lawyers since 2006. In 2015, she was named Lawyer of the Year, Real Estate, by Best Lawyers in Wisconsin, based upon high peer recognition and in 2017 she was elected into the American Law Institute in 2017.

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An award-winning veteran broadcast journalist and video producer, Julie Brown manages the American Bar Association Communications and Media Relations Division's Legal News Network.

She produces video, multimedia and news stories for the association's news website ambar.org/news. One of her recent video projects, “Hidden Injustice: Bias on the Bench” was awarded a 2016 Bronze Telly Award. She was also the recipient of a 2015 Silver Telly Award for “Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law.” Other honors include a 2014 Bronze Telly Award for “Be the Change,” which was produced for the ABA Legal Access Job Corps Task Force, a 2013 Bronze Telly Award and a 2013 Bronze Stevie® Award for her work on “Voices for Victims: Lawyers Against Human Trafficking.”

Prior to her ABA employment, Julie worked as reporter and anchor at TV stations in Idaho, Oregon, California, Minneapolis and Kentucky. She also served as the director of public affairs for the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office in Louisville. An Idaho native, Julie holds a Bachelor of Arts in speech from Idaho State University.

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Pamila J. Brown has served as an Associate Judge for the District Court in Howard County, Maryland since 2002. She received her J.D. from the University Of Baltimore School Of Law, after earning a B.S. in Political Science from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Prior to her appointment, Judge Brown served as a Principal Counsel and Maryland Assistant Attorney General and as an Assistant City Solicitor in the Baltimore City Law Department.

Judge Brown is a former Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division and the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and the Gavel Committee. She is the current Chair of the Standing Committee on Bar Services Chair of the ABA Gavel Committee. She is a current member of the Maryland delegation to the House of Delegates and is the Past Chair of the ABA House Minority Caucus, and is currently a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services.

Judge Brown is Past President of the Maryland State Bar Association and first female African American to hold the position. She is a founding member and Past President of the Howard County Bar Foundation and Past President of the Bar Association of Baltimore City and the Howard County Bar Associations.

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Mary Byers, CAE, is co-author of Race for Relevance: Five Radical Changes for Associations and Road to Relevance: 5 Strategies for Competitive Associations. She’s the former director of communications and member services for the Illinois State Dental Society and served in that capacity for nine years prior to starting her consulting business in 1998.

Mary specializes in working with volunteer association leaders and chief staff executives to help define their roles and clarify their vision through leadership conference programming, facilitating strategic planning retreats and coaching.

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Karen Girolami Callam runs a 20 year-old bilingual communications consultancy working with nonprofits, schools, and foundations. Her work ranges from strategy and messaging to writing and editing, both print and digital products such as personal profiles, program publications, speeches, messaging platforms, videos, and annual reports. She began her career with nearly a decade of advocating on education public policy issues impacting Chicago’s Latino community, and building storytelling expertise and trusting relationships that have served as her client foundation.

Karen’s storytelling writing brings an organization’s mission to life. She works with groups to first unearth and clarify their most important stories and impact. Then she crafts pieces that deliver these messages—student vignettes, alumni profiles, lessons from education leaders, teacher insights. Recent clients include the National Association of Charter School Authorizers, Steans Family Foundation, Latino Policy Forum, and Northwestern University’s Weinberg College. Karen studied communications and Hispanic studies at Northwestern University, including a year at the University of Sevilla. More recently, she moved with her husband and three children back to Seville for a year-long immersion.

Karen also has decades of experience telling stories in song—singing, teaching, and performing all kinds of music, from bilingual children’s classes to her own jazz trio to classical choral works to liturgical cantoring. She currently teaches at Chicago’s venerated Old Town School of Folk Music. Karen performs regularly with the Chicago Artists Chorale, and has co-created two CDs of Spanish-language children’s music.

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Robert M. Carlson, a shareholder with the Butte, Montana, law firm of Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson, P.C., is president-elect of the American Bar Association and became president of the 400,000-member organization in August 2018.

Carlson has served in many national and state bar leadership positions, including as president of the State Bar of Montana from 1993 to 1994. From 2012 to 2014, he was chair of the ABA’s policymaking House of Delegates, the association’s second-highest elected office. He has served two terms on the ABA Board of Governors and its Executive Committee, chairing its Executive Compensation Committee. Carlson has also served in the ABA House of Delegates as both Montana’s state bar delegate and state delegate and as a delegate at large. He is a life patron fellow and past state chair of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation and was a member of the Executive Council of the National Conference of Bar Presidents.

Carlson’s other previous ABA leadership positions include service as chair and member of the ABA Day in Washington Planning Committee, chair and member of the Standing Committee on Meetings and Travel, and member of the Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services, Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, Council of the ABA Section of International Law, and co-chair of the ABA Section of Litigation’s ABA Resource Committee. He was Board of Governors liaison to the ABA Standing Committee for Bar Activities and Services, Dispute Resolution Section, and Commission on Homelessness and Poverty.

In addition to serving as president of the State Bar of Montana, Carlson has chaired the state bar’s Board of Trustees and, since 1995, has served as a member of the Montana Supreme Court’s Character and Fitness Commission. Since 1994, he has been a member of the University of Montana Law School’s Clinical Board of Visitors. Carlson has served as lawyer representative to the Federal District of Montana, as Montana co-chair of the Ninth Circuit’s Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee, and as chair of the state bar’s Ad Hoc Committee on Discipline.
Holly O’Grady Cook serves as the Associate Executive Director for the ABA’s Governmental Affairs Office (GAO) in Washington DC. She previously served as Principal Deputy Director for GAO and the Associate Executive Director in charge of the ABA’s Washington DC Operations.

Holly Cook is a retired Army officer who served almost 23 years on active duty. She held a wide variety of leadership positions, including three years as the Army’s Chief Legislative Counsel coordinating with congressional committees on sensitive investigations and with the Senate on presidential nominations for Army leadership positions. She deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as chief counsel for the Army’s largest division in combat and to Bosnia as deputy chief counsel in support of NATO peacekeeping operations. She was a professor at the only military law school accredited by the American Bar Association to award a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree and served as a prosecutor both in the United States and in Korea. Before joining the Army, Ms. Cook worked as a judicial law clerk for a state trial court and as a labor law attorney at a firm in Baltimore, Maryland.

In 2013, the House Armed Services Committee Chairman appointed Ms. Cook to serve on a congressionally created panel to analyze the systems used to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate crimes involving adult sexual assault in the military services. After a year of hearings and witness testimony, the panel submitted its report in 2014 recommending ways to improve the effectiveness of those systems.

Eric T. Cooperstein, the “Ethics Maven,” has a solo practice devoted to representing and consulting with lawyers in a wide variety of legal ethics and law practice conundrums. Eric defends lawyers against ethics complaints, provides advice and expert opinions, and represents lawyers in fee disputes and law firm break-ups. Eric is a frequent CLE presenter, webcaster, and moderator in Minnesota and nationwide on legal ethics and practice management. Eric currently is an HCBA delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, a Director on the boards of Minnesota Continuing Legal Education and Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Co., and a Trustee and President of First Universalist Church. Eric previously served as President of the Hennepin County Bar Association in 2013-14 and served as chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Rules of Professional Conduct Committee from July 2009 through June 2012.

Jeffrey Cufaude is an architect of ideas, building communities of ideas and idealists through his writing, facilitation, and speaking. For more than 20 years he has helped individuals and organizations rethink their beliefs in order to refresh their results.

His areas of work include strategy sessions that bring fresh perspectives and innovative thinking to critical questions; engaging and practical conference workshops, volunteer and staff sessions, and retreats; and compelling major keynotes, including speaking on lifelong learning at TEDx Indianapolis in 2012.

For 10 years, he led the American Society of Association Executives Future Leaders Conference demonstrating his unique gifts in custom-designing and facilitating multiple-day leadership and learning experiences. His work is known for reflecting best practices in adult learning, and he often teaches presentation design and facilitation skills to subject matter experts. He also is an accomplished author with more than 20 articles published in major association magazines and journals.

He is a long-time volunteer with several professional associations, was a co-producer of TEDxIndianapolis in 2013, and has served on the boards of several Indianapolis nonprofits including Big Car, an innovative arts and placemaking organization.
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Dana served as President of The Missouri Bar (2016-17), and is currently a member of the board of the National Conference of Bar Presidents. She is also co-host with her husband of almost 30 years of the nationally syndicated, Emmy-nominated show, Couples Court with the Cutlers. When she is not on television, she practices charter school law in her family’s law firm; enjoys her family and friends; and is striving to live a life full of grace, gratitude, and gladness.

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Elizabeth Derrico is an independent organizational development consultant and facilitator. She spent 33 years as an association professional. She recently retired from the New York State Bar Association as its associate executive director after a three-year return tour of duty. She served for almost 20 years as the associate director for bar information and management in the ABA’s Division for Bar Services. In that position she had management responsibility for the division’s consulting services program, the field service program, clearinghouse and library, and marketing initiatives. She worked with state, local and special purpose bar associations throughout the country to build their capacity to serve their members and the public interest.

Prior to joining the ABA, she worked for the New York State Bar Association for nearly 11 years, first as the local bar services representative and then as the associate director of communications. She has no recollection of life before bar association work. Elizabeth received her undergraduate degree in Government from Wheaton College in Norton, MA, and a Master’s in Public Affairs from the State University at Albany. Her goal for 2019 is to make the perfect pie crust.

Elizabeth is a member of the National Association of Bar Executives and recipient of its Bolton Award for Professional Excellence. She is a past chair of the National Association of Bar Executives Communications Section and is a recipient of its E.A. Richter Leadership Award.

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After approximately thirty years in the private practice of law, Jim became the Deputy Executive Director of the American Bar Association on August 31, 2015. He serves as the principal deputy to Executive Director Jack Rives. In addition, Jim directly supervises three of the Association’s Centers: Center for Member Engagement (Membership, ABACLE, ABA Publishing, ABA Insurance, ABA Member Advantage, ABA Lawyer2Lawyer, and ABA Blueprint); Center for Accreditation and Education (Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, Standing Committee on Paralegals, and Standing Committee on Specialization); and, Center for Public Interest Law (Immigration, Homelessness and Poverty, Pro Bono and Public Service, Children and the Law, Death Penalty Representation, Domestic Violence, Election Law, Gun Violence, and Law and Aging).

While in private practice with the law firm of Frost Brown Todd and its predecessor in Indianapolis, Locke Reynolds LLP, Jim focused on the litigation needs of the business community in the areas of intellectual property, competition, and media law. An active bar volunteer, Jim served on the ABA Board of Governors and its Executive and Finance Committees, chairing Finance in 2012-2013 and was in the ABA House of Delegates for more than twenty years. He served and chaired numerous committees and commissions of the ABA and its sections, divisions, and forums as well. In addition, Jim served as President of both the Indiana State Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Association and as a member of the Indiana Supreme Court’s Pro Bono Commission.

Jim received his J.D. in 1986 from the Washington University at St. Louis School of Law, where he was an Associate Editor on the Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law, and his A.B. in 1983 from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He and his wife Kathy have three children, Stephanie, Jennifer, and Jonathan.
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Farrah Fite communicates and promotes - using traditional and new media - the wide range of services and resources The Missouri Bar provides to help lawyers even better serve their clients. She also works with the bar’s officers when it comes to developing message maps for key issues, speech writing and interview prep. Fite says she is most passionate about shaping messaging that makes sure audiences get WIIFM and communicating with audiences on the platforms they prefer.

Before joining the bar world in 2012, she headed up communications for the Missouri Senate. She is a former journalist having worked as a local TV reporter in Missouri and an associate producer at ABC News in Washington, D.C. She lives in #JCMO with her groom @WagnerGus.

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As chief executive officer, Bruce M. Hennes has grown Hennes Communications into one of the few firms in North America focused exclusively on crisis management, crisis communications and litigation communications consulting.

Celebrating its 30th year in business, Hennes Communications counts among its current and former clients the American Public Power Association, Avery Dennison, ThyssenKrupp, Ohio University, Lubrizol, NASA and Philadelphia Insurance, as well as scores of other public and private companies, law firms, hospitals, educational institutions, nonprofits and government agencies.

Hennes is a longtime member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association’s board of directors and recipient of the bar association’s President's Award in 2008 and 2018. In 2013, he received a Gold "Rocks" award and "Best of Show" award from the Public Relations Society of America, Greater Cleveland Chapter, for his crisis communications work related to a ferry boat crash in New York City's Financial District. In addition, he was named one of the "50 Game-Changers of PR for 2017" by industry publication PRNews and recently, the firm won two Silver Anvils, the public relations profession’s most prestigious award, from the Public Relations Society of America, as part of the communications team, led by one of its clients, Destination Cleveland, in recognition of work done by the firm to support the 2016 Republican National Convention held in Cleveland.

Hennes is an adjunct professor at the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University and he has a degree in political science from York University in Toronto, Canada.

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Patricia was the first woman in a decade to serve as CBA president and only the fifth woman to serve in the CBA's 120-year history. Patricia, a Nebraska native, graduated from the University of Denver law school and has lived in Colorado for 35 years. She has been practicing law for 29 years - 22 years she has been as a solo practitioner and trial lawyer handling exclusively plaintiff’s personal injury and wrongful death cases.

Patricia has an impressive history of leadership in Colorado. She is chairing the Colorado Bar Association and the Denver Bar Associations first ever diversity and inclusivity committee to help improve inclusivity in Colorado’s two largest bar associations. She served as the president of the Colorado Women’s Bar Association from 2012-2013. Patricia was appointed and serves on the 17th Judicial District Nominating Commission and during her term seven of 9 judicial vacancies have been filled by women. Patricia served as vice chair of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains’ Board of Trustees. In 2018, Patricia received the Denver University Sturm College of Law’s highest honor, the DU Law Stars Professionalism award. The Colorado LGBT Bar Association Foundation honored Patricia with Attorney of the Year in 2016. In 2015 the CWBA Foundation honored her with the Raising the Bar Award and the same year she was rated one of the top women lawyers by Law Week. Patricia is committed to mentoring and sponsoring other attorneys.

In her spare time, Patricia loves traveling the world, surfing - badly - and meeting people from different cultures. Patricia is married to 17th Judicial District Court Judge Emily Anderson. Patricia and Emily will celebrate their 30th anniversary in 2019! Patricia encourages you to reach out to her to continue the conversation started during the presentation.
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The Illinois Supreme Court has appointed Kotin to serve on the Hearing Board of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, and he was recently named to the Supreme Court’s Character and Fitness Committee.

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Jennifer has over 20 years experience working with national, state, local and special-focus bar associations through the ABA’s Division for Bar Services. Bar Services’ primary mission is to strengthen bar associations – through trendspotting, promulgating best practices, educating bar leadership and assisting with bar strategy development. Currently, Jennifer is the division’s deputy director. She leads the division’s consulting arm and oversees the division’s clearinghouse and publications, including the flagship periodicals Bar Leader and Bar Leader Weekly. Jennifer has facilitated more than 100 strategic planning initiatives, board trainings, and operational reviews. She serves on the ABA Bar Leadership Institute planning team and regularly writes on leadership and governance topics. She is the author of New Bar President and New Bar Board Member, two bar association leadership primers and planning guides, and led the development of the new Board Catalyst Video Series.

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Judy Perry Martinez of Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn in New Orleans is president-elect of the American Bar Association and will become president of the more than 400,000-member organization in August 2019.

In 2003, she joined Northrop Grumman Corporation, where she served as assistant general counsel-litigation, managing litigation for the western half of the country before becoming vice president and chief compliance officer in 2011. Martinez retired from Northrop Grumman in 2015 to become a fellow at the Advanced Leadership Initiative at Harvard University, where she spent a year in residence. Following her time at Harvard, she returned to New Orleans.

For more than 30 years, Martinez has held various leadership positions at the ABA, including as chair of the Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, which evaluates all prospective nominees to the federal bench. Earlier, she served as the ABA’s lead representative to the United Nations and as a member of the ABA Board of Governors and its executive committee. Later, she served as chair of the ABA Presidential Commission on the Future of Legal Services and, most recently, as a member of the ABA Task Force on Building Public Trust in the American Justice System.

Martinez earned her bachelor’s degree in Marketing from the University of New Orleans and her J.D., with honors, from Tulane University Law School, where she earlier served as an instructor in trial advocacy and now serves on the Dean’s Advisory Council.

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Rebecca Ruppert McMahon is the Chief Executive Officer for the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association where she is responsible for the day-to-day operations and resources of the CMBA, its charitable arm – the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation – and its subsidiary insurance agency. With more than 5,400 members, the CMBA serves as the center for legal professionalism in the region, while leveraging the talents of its world-class legal community to serve those in need through a variety of pro bono and community service programs. Prior to joining the CMBA, Becky served as the General Counsel for Cuyahoga Community College and the Deputy General Counsel for KeyBank National Association. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors for First Federal Savings & Loan of Lakewood, Ohio, the largest independent mutual bank headquartered in Ohio. She is also a current member of and immediate past Chair for the Lake Ridge Academy Board of Directors, the only K-12 college preparatory independent school on Cleveland’s West Side. In addition, Becky is a member of the Rainbow Babies & Children’s Foundation Board. She is a 1989 graduate of Smith College, and a 1993 graduate of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Beyond her professional commitments, Becky spends as much time as possible outdoors with her thirteen-year-old daughter, Natalie, and their dog, Beatrice.

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Under her leadership, the Columbus Bar Association received national recognition for starting the first lawyer incubator program in the country. The CBA has also been honored by Business First and the American Bar Association for its efforts in increasing diversity in the central Ohio legal profession. In 2016, Jill was named Alumni of the Year by Capital University Law School.
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On Law Day (May 1), 2010, Jack began his service as the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the American Bar Association. He has overall management responsibility for staff operations at the Association’s headquarters in Chicago, at its Washington, DC office, and at program sites in more than 60 countries throughout the world.

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Michelle is certified in inter-cultural competency through the Intercultural Development Inventory, LLC. She is a former Co-Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion section of NALP, serves as an advisor to DiversityLab’s hackathon project, is a board member for Just Like Me, Chicago’s largest multiracial families organization, and is also the Chicago Co-Chair for the Princeton Prize on Race Relations.

Michelle previously worked as an arts and entertainment journalist in Trinidad and Tobago, a legal researcher in Puno, Peru and Geneva, Switzerland, and a volunteer teacher in Gaborone, Botswana and Almaty, Kazakhstan. Michelle grew up in the Caribbean and now lives in Chicago with her husband Daniel and their two daughters.

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Since 2010, Whitney von Haam has served as the Executive Director of the Wake County Bar Association and Tenth Judicial District Bar, where she is responsible for the organizations' consistent achievement of their missions and financial objectives. Prior to that, she served for 10 years as the Membership Director of the North Carolina Bar Association. Currently a member of the board of the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE), Whitney is also past chair of the NABE program committee.

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Moving back to Oregon in 2006, Jake was a member of Governor Ted Kulongoski’s reelection campaign and then a spokesperson for Governor’s office. He served as the communications director for Attorney General Hardy Myers and Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo. Jake also managed Senator Ron Wyden’s 2010 campaign and Steve Novick’s upstart U.S. Senate race in 2008.

Working as a consultant since 2011, Jake has made a name for himself as an exceptional campaign and communications strategist. He’s helped elect Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish, State Representative Tawna Sanchez, as well as directing several successful ballot measures. He has also been active in several issue areas of public policy including state judicial bar services, energy/natural resources, education, gun violence prevention, medical innovation, criminal justice and transportation policy.

Jake graduated with a B.A. in Politics and Women’s Studies from New York University and earned his master’s degree in Government from The University of Texas at Austin. Jake lives in Southeast Portland with his wife and two daughters.
Janet Welch is the executive director of the State Bar of Michigan. In this role, she oversees the day-to-day operations of the State Bar, implements policies set by the Board of Commissioners and the Representative Assembly, and directs the efforts of State Bar staff.

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Before coming to the State Bar of Michigan in 2000, Ms. Welch served as Michigan Supreme Court counsel for four years. She has had an extensive career in state government that started as a legislative analyst for the Michigan House of Representatives. In 1980, she was chosen to create a nonpartisan legislative analysis office for the Michigan Senate, and served as its director for five years before attending law school.