

RESUME - *Peter L. Fels*

EDUCATION

- 1975-1978 University of Oregon School of Law; J.D., June 1978
- 1969-1973 University of California at Berkeley; BA, Spanish
- Summer 1970 University of California at Santa Cruz Summer Language Institute.
Six-week intensive conversational Spanish language course.
- 1967-1969 Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts. Attended three semesters, taking
general undergraduate courses in liberal arts and humanities. Transferred to
University of California at Berkeley.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 1978 - Oregon Supreme Court, Oregon State Bar Number: 78197
1980 - U.S. District Court for District of Oregon
1994 - Washington Supreme Court, Washington State Bar Number: 23708
1996 - U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
1197 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

EMPLOYMENT

- 3/01 - current **President/CEO, Attorney**, Peter L. Fels, P.C. Representation of individual
clients in employment matters, estate planning, probate, civil rights,
residential real estate, landlord-tenant, miscellaneous consumer issues and
civil litigation in administrative, state and federal courts..
- 7/97-3/01 **Shareholder, Attorney**, STICHMAN HOKE FELS, P.C. Represented
clients in employment matters, civil rights, real estate, estate planning and
probate, and general civil litigation.
- 10/95 - 6/97 **Associate Attorney**, Stichman-Hoke-Fels (a sole proprietorship). Same
duties as above.
- 6/95-10/95 **Associate Attorney**, Marsh, Stichman & Higgins. Represented clients in
employment law, estate planning and general civil litigation.

EMPLOYMENT (cont.)

- 9/93-5/95 **Associate Attorney**, Law Offices of Guy B. Rencher II, P.C.; Attorney for Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington offices of regional law firm with practice limited to estate planning and living trusts. Opened offices and served clients in Pendleton, The Dalles and La Grande, Oregon, and Richland (Tri-Cities), Washington. Handled all aspects of client caseload with emphasis on living trusts, Medicaid planning and tax planning.
- 1/93-8/93 **Regional Director** (temporary) and Staff Attorney, Oregon Legal Services Corp., Pendleton Regional Office, P.O. 1327, Pendleton, OR 97801.
- Served as manager of legal aid office while Director was on vacation; trained recently hired attorneys while carrying regular legal aid caseload. (For more information on the duties of this position, see entry below at 6/88-12/91).
- 1/92-12/31/92 **District Court Judge**, Umatilla & Morrow Counties, Dept. 2, P.O. Box 173, 243 "B" E. Main, Hermiston, OR 97838 (appointed by Governor).
- Handled all District Court cases as only judge in satellite courthouse, including misdemeanors, traffic, fish and game violations, small claims, and civil. Also served as Circuit Judge Pro-Tem, handling domestic relations, juvenile, pre-trial settlement conferences, mental commitment and other Circuit Court level civil cases and general felony criminal cases. Handled similar duties as visiting District and Circuit Court Judge for Grant, Malheur and Union Counties.
- 6/88-12/91 **Regional Director**, Oregon Legal Services Corporation, Pendleton Regional Office, P.O. Box 1327, Pendleton, OR 97801. Managed legal aid office serving seven northeast Oregon Counties.
- Managed budget of approximately \$260,000 annually; supervised all personnel, including two staff attorneys, two paralegals, and two support staff; managed all aspects of personnel administration, including hiring, firing, annual evaluations and training; managed overall office caseload and supervised and reviewed case management of case handlers; managed contracts under the Older Americans Act to provide legal services to senior citizens; supervised private attorney involvement program, including recruiting private attorney participation and administering and supervising referral of cases; handled fund-raising, including grant applications; assured compliance with regulations of the federal Legal Services Corporation and the Oregon State Bar Rules of Professional Responsibility; supervised and conducted outreach programs and carried full general legal aid practice caseload as Staff Attorney.

EMPLOYMENT (cont.)

Caseload included representing individual clients in state and federal courts and administrative hearings regarding debtors' rights, consumer law, immigration law, landlord-tenant law, juvenile neglect and abuse, unemployment compensation, employment law, civil rights, farmworker law, and family law. Clients generally consisted of low-income persons who met eligibility criteria of the national Legal Services Corporation. Also prepared and disseminated educational materials for use of clients, including manuals, forms, and instructions for self-representation by clients.

- 1989-1992 **Judge, Pro-Tem**, Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Heard all aspects of civil, juvenile and criminal trials, including arraignments, motions, judge and jury trials, sentencing and appeals.
- 1983-1988 **Co-Director and Staff Attorney**, Pendleton Regional Office, Oregon Legal Services Corporation. Split management responsibilities equally with another co-director. Duties substantially the same as those listed above, but shared equally. Also handled general legal aid caseload.
- 1982-1983 **Staff Attorney**, Pendleton Regional Office, Oregon Legal Services Corporation. Carried general legal aid and farmworker caseload.
- 1979-1981 **Farmworker Staff Attorney**, Ontario Regional Office of Oregon Legal Services Corporation, 772 North Oregon Street, Ontario, OR 97914. Carried general legal aid caseload as staff attorney in regional office handling cases from Harney and Malheur Counties. Engaged in extensive outreach to migrant laborers. Emphasized cases representing migrant farmworker clients and consumer issues.
- 11/78-1/79 **Student Advisor**, OSPIRG (Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group). Advised student volunteers of non-profit student organization at the University of Oregon in Eugene.
- 8/78-11/78 **Law Clerk**, Kulongoski, Heid, Durham and Drummonds, law firm specializing in labor law, in Eugene. Firm is now dissolved.
- 9/78-1/79 **Private Practice**, handled variety of civil cases as solo practitioner working part-time out of my home, concurrently with working as a law clerk for the Kulongoski, *et al.*, firm.
- 1977-1978 **Student Intern**, Lane County Legal Aid, 376 East 11th Street, Eugene, OR 97401. Represented clients under law student appearance rule in legal aid office through law school civil clinic program.

EMPLOYMENT (cont.)

1974-1975 **Paralegal/Intake Worker**, Marion-Polk Legal Aid Service, 325 S.E. 13th, Salem, OR 97301. VISTA volunteer. Screened clients, served as interpreter, handled outreach to hard to reach client groups, assisted attorneys.

SPEAKING AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

September 2008 CLE (continuing legal education) speaker/panel member, Clark County Bar Association, "Federal Trial Practice".

October 2007 CLE speaker, Sterling Education Services, "Landlord-Tenant Law".

November 2006 CLE speaker, WA State Bar Association, "Fundamentals of Law Office Management".

September 2003 CLE speaker, Clark County Bar Association, "Ancillary Matters in Estate Planning".

April 2003 Speaker, "Fair Housing and Families with Children" workshop sponsored by Fair Housing Council of Oregon (approved for real estate CE credits)

October 2001 CLE speaker, Clark County Bar Association, "The Lawyer as Employer".

May 2001 CLE speaker, SW Washington Access to Justice, "Fair Housing Law".

February 1999 CLE speaker, Clark County Bar Association, "Employment Law".

February 1997 CLE speaker, Clark County Young Lawyers Association, "Judicial Ethics".

March 1994 Umatilla Education Service District, Migrant Bilingual Parent Conference speaker, "Understanding Legal Issues for Parents" (in English and Spanish).

September 1992 Judicial Education speaker, sponsored by Oregon Judicial Dept., at Seaside, Oregon, "Effective Use of Court Interpreters".

March 1991 National Farmworker Law Conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Conducted two seminars and provided outline on unemployment insurance law for Migrant Legal Action Program.

May 1989 Deposition skills trainer, Sunriver, Oregon. Critiqued and gave demonstrations for statewide training program sponsored by Oregon Legal Services Corporation.

SPEAKING AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES (cont.)

- May 1988 Farmworker Law Training, Menucha Conference Center, Corbett, Oregon. Conducted seminar on wage claims for Oregon Legal Services Corporation.
- July 1986 CLE speaker, Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section annual meeting, Sunriver, Oregon. "Debtors' Rights" (including written materials).

NON-PROFIT BOARDS and OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Named "Champion of Justice 2008" by Washington Alliance for Equal Justice.
- Share, Inc., board member 2008 - present. Share provides services to homeless people.
- Partners in Careers ("PIC"), board member, December 2002-2007; chair 2005-2007. PIC provides specialized job training and employment services to challenged individuals.
- High School Mock Trial program volunteer judge, 2001; volunteer rater, 2005-2008.
- American Red Cross, Clark County Chapter, member Board of Directors, July 1996-June 2002; personnel committee 2003-2008
- Fair Housing Council of Oregon pro bono panel, 1995-present.
- Clark County Bar Association, Volunteer Lawyers Project, pro bono panel, 1995-present.
- Clark County Bar Association CLE Committee, July 2003 - 2005; chair, 2003-2004.
- Clark County Bar Association, Treasurer, Sept. 2001 - August 2002
- Clark County Bar Association, Lawyer Referral Committee, 1998-2001; Chair, 2000-2001.
- Umatilla County Juvenile and Youth Services Commission; Chairman, August 1992-November 1993; member April 1991-November 1993. Great Start Advisory Committee member, August 1990-April 1991.
- Umatilla County Jail Monitoring Committee, appointed by Judge James Redden, U.S. District Judge for the District of Oregon. One of five members monitoring continued compliance with federal court order involving jail conditions, 1990-1992.
- Arts Council of Pendleton, member of Board of Directors, January 1991- July 1995.
- Co-founded Affordable Housing Development Forum, a group dedicated to creating, improving and maintaining housing for low-income persons in Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

NON-PROFIT BOARDS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Wrote, edited and translated into Spanish numerous handbooks and pamphlets published by Oregon Legal Services. Subjects included small claims court, landlord-tenant law, social security, unemployment compensation, debtor and consumer rights, divorce and family law, and immigration law. The handbooks explained the law and recommended self-help and legal remedies.

Editor, Oregon State Bar "Senior Law Handbook", (first edition) 1991.

Oregon State Bar Fee Arbitration Panel, 1989.

Member, Board of Directors, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Umatilla County, 1985-1992.

Member, Ombudsman Recruitment and Screening Committee, Umatilla County, Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, 1987-1992.

Member, Oregon State Bar Affirmative Action Committee, 1985-1988.

Member, Board of Directors, NOVA Enterprises, a non-profit organization providing vocational services and residential facilities for developmentally disabled adults, 1985-1988.

Member, Board of Directors, BMEDC, a non-profit Community Action Program ("CAP") for Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler and Gilliam counties, approximately 1983-1986

Member, Oregon State Bar Committee on Rights of the Handicapped, 1982-1985.

Student editor, Cohen, Indian Law Treatise, 1982.

Co-founder, Willamette Valley Immigration Law Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to assist migrant farm workers with immigration law problems, 1977. Co-founder Treasure Valley Immigration Counseling Service, a similar organization, in Ontario, Oregon, 1980.

Member, National Lawyers Guild, since 1975.

I am fluent in spoken and written Spanish and have lived in Mexico and Spain.