

Professional Experience

Ater Wynne LLP, Portland, Oregon, Partner, 1970 to Present; Chair, 2007 to 2011

Education

Yale Law School, LL.B, 1965
Order of the Coif; Yale Law Journal; Thomas Swan Barrister's Union
Yale University, B.A., 1962

Admitted to Practice

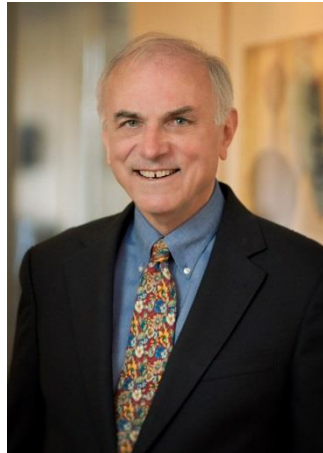
Oregon

Professional Activities

American Bar Association
Oregon State Bar, Health Law, Corporate Finance and Energy Sections; Affirmative Action Committee, 1992 to 1994
Board of Bar Examiners, Vice Chair, 1973 to 1974; Member, 1971 to 1974
Bar Examination Review Board, 1986 to 1988; Chair, 1987 to 1988
Multnomah Bar Association

Community Activities

Oregon State Commission on Children & Families, Chair, 1994 to 1998
Hazardous Waste Steering Committee, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Region X), 1987 to 1988
Oregon Board of Higher Education, 1976 to 1980
Member of various civic and charitable organization boards of trustees; participant in political campaigns and activities; pro bono legal service to individuals and community service organizations



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Jonathan Ater has more than 40 years of experience as a strategic advisor to business enterprises and public bodies. He works with senior managers, boards of directors, and professionals in connection with a broad array of business and policy issues, including corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, healthcare, personnel matters, energy and raw material supply, environmental and legislative matters, property acquisition and development, commercial contracting, and dispute resolution. He has had particular experience with emerging businesses and turn arounds.

His clients include healthcare professionals and institutions; basic industries such as steel, aluminum, polysilicon, ferrosilicon, forest products, and electric utilities; and high technology companies. Many of his client companies are engaged in trade throughout the world.

Jonathan serves as principal or general counsel for several corporate entities, and the Medical Society of Metropolitan Portland. He is also an experienced arbitrator and mediator, serving under the auspices of the Arbitration Service of Portland.

Jonathan is best known for his work as a health care lawyer and health policy expert. He is listed in Best Lawyers of America and SuperLawyers. He and his wife, Deanne, are joint recipients of the 2010 Gordon and Sharon Smith New Freedom Award from the Oregon Chapter of the National Association on Mental Illness. The Medical Society of Metropolitan Portland has honored Jonathan with a Presidential Citation for his work on health reform issues.

Between 2004 and 2009, Jonathan served as vice-chair of both the Oregon Health Fund Board and the Oregon Health Policy Commission. He was a principal author of the conceptual paper behind the creation of the Oregon Health Authority in 2009. He was co-chair of the Governor's 2004 Mental Health Task Force. He has served on two working groups that advise senior management of the Oregon Department of Human Resources on mental health issues.

From 1994 to 1998, Jonathan served as chair of the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, a body focused on integrating social services, including health services, across the state. He also previously served as a member of the State Board of Higher Education and the Board of Bar Examiners.

Jonathan is a director of Axio Research Corporation, which provides biostatistical research services for pharmacology and health care research. He is a director of Metropolitan Public Defender, Inc., the largest professional public defender firm in Oregon. He is past chair of the Albertina Kerr Foundation and has served as a steward of the First Unitarian Church Foundation. In 2013, Jonathan received the Learned Hand Lifetime Achievement award from the Oregon Area Jewish Committee. The award recognizes professional excellence and contributions to the legal community.

Representative Matters

Representation of physician practices in various specialty and multi-specialty groups of all sizes.

General counsel to large Medicaid managed care organization.

General counsel to Medicaid Society.

Counsel to various manufacturing, energy and communications enterprises.

Principal negotiator and lead counsel in various merger, acquisition, and financing transactions in various industries.