



Oregon Conservation Law Forum

August 16, 2017, 10am-2:30pm

Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt

[1211 SW 5th Ave, Suite 1900](#)

Metolius Conference Room

Draft Forum Agenda

Subject to modifications – check for the latest agenda [on our website](#)

10:00am: Welcome, introductions and overview of agenda

- **Kelley Beamer**, executive director, COLT
- **Nancy E. Duhnkrack**, Pro Bono Program Coordinator

10:15am – 11:15am: Oregon Water Law White Paper presentation

Authored by expert attorneys, this new Oregon-centric white paper will help guide land trusts, attorneys, and others through the complexities of water law that may affect land acquisitions and conservation management. The paper covers basic water law, due diligence, and a few case studies related to land trust work. Copies will be distributed.

- **Caylin Barter**, attorney, Jordan Ramis

11:15am – 12pm: Wolfe Farm case study: two conservation tools providing mutual benefits

The Wolfe Farm, owned by 6th generation farmer Woody Wolfe, has a [conservation easement](#) held by the Wallowa County Land Trust. Woody also entered into an [agreement with the Freshwater Trust](#) to restore stream flows in the Lostine River.

- **Nancy Duhnkrack**, COLT Pro Bono Attorney Coordinator
- **Caylin Barter**, attorney, Jordan Ramis

12:00pm – 12:30pm: Lunch (provided)

12:30pm – 1:30pm: Water rights and land trusts (*working title*)

The executive director of Water Watch will join us to cover mechanisms for instream flow protection and restoration in Oregon.

- **John Devoe**, executive director, Water Watch

1:30pm – 2:00pm: Takeaways from the 2017 Oregon State Legislative Session

We will discuss the key outcomes related to conservation law from the recently concluded legislative session, including the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program, recreational immunity, property taxes, conservation funding, and a few land use bills.

- **Kelley Beamer**, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts

2:00pm: Round Robin Discussion

We'll begin with a guided discussion about enhanced tax incentives for remainder interest donations of farm and forest properties, then open the conversation up for any emerging topics the group would like to discuss.

- **William F. (Fritz) Paulus**, Attorney at Law

2:30pm: Adjourn