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BACK AT THE TABLE: PRESIDENTS LUNCHEON

OMLA was honored to welcome Oregon State Bar President Tomás Hernandez to our first in-person Presidents Luncheon since the pandemic, marking a meaningful return to an event that brings members together to reconnect, exchange ideas, and strengthen Oregon's legal community.

Special thanks to Tomás for joining us, and to OMLA Board Member Anthony Chavez for helping helping bring this in-person tradition back to our community.

Local spotlight: The luncheon was held at Black Star Grill in Portland's Pearl District, a locally owned restaurant serving authentic Ghanaian cuisine in a warm, welcoming setting. If you haven't visited yet, it's worth adding to your list. *This is isn't a paid ad, just a great meal we think more people should know about.*

What's next: More conversations, more connections. OMLA looks forward to hosting additional in-person luncheons and gatherings in the months ahead.

Upcoming Omla Events

OMLA Summer Social & Fundraiser

Thursday, August 6 | 5:30 p.m.

Join OMLA for an evening of connection with Oregon's legal community.

The event supports the Bar Exam Grant Program, helping aspiring lawyers cover exam and prep costs, while bringing together students, attorneys and business leaders across the profession.

Purchase tickets on Eventbrite

In the Community

OWLS-OGALLA: Brunch and Bedazzle
Sunday, July 19

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DIGGING IN, TOGETHER

A beautiful day on the Oregon coast set the stage for OMLA's April razor clamming trip.

Members and friends spent the day learning something new, sharing plenty of laughs and stepping into the chilly water alongside OMLA Advisory Board Member Chase Morinaka, who offered expert tips — and led our group.

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Toloza

Helen Toloza is a first-generation Salvadoran American and Deputy City Attorney for the City of Gresham, where she primarily works on labor issues between the City and its unions.

With a background in labor law and eviction defense, Helen has dedicated her career to advocating for workers' rights and strengthening communities.

Jack Smart

Jack Smart is a Chicano labor and employment attorney with a passion for advancing diversity in his profession and community.

After beginning his legal career in civil defense litigation in Salt Lake City, he made Oregon home and now practices labor and employment litigation while raising his family in the Pacific Northwest.

Learn more about OMLA's Board of Directors >

STUDENT EVENTS UNDERWAY

Join OMLA in continued outreach and support for students at upcoming events in both Eugene and Salem this fall.

Interested in supporting? Please contact Gilbert Cotto-Lazo at gcottolazo@littler.com.