

Participation in Judicial Activities

The intent of this policy is to help clarify the role and responsibility of OSU Extension faculty members pertaining to court activities that may not be adequately covered in the Oregon State University *Faculty Handbook*.

Jury Duty

Faculty members are not excluded from potential jury lists and are expected to serve when called by the appropriate court jurisdictions. The faculty member will notify his or her department head or immediate supervisor of the prospective jury service. Service on jury is considered normal work time. All reimbursements resulting from the jury service are considered personal reimbursements.

Serving in Judicial Activities (including expert witness and depositions)

Faculty members occasionally are asked to participate in judicial activities because of their knowledge about aspects of a case. Before making any commitments, faculty must contact his or her immediate supervisor and the University Legal Advisor (Caroline Kerl, 541-737-2474).

All faculty are expected to follow the University "Expert Witness Policy and Procedure" (below) to guide involvement in judicial activities. "The Extension Guidelines on Outside Professional Activities" also must be followed if a faculty member wishes to be involved in judicial activities in the context of outside employment.

Expert Witness Policy and Procedure, May 5, 1993

This policy is adopted to provide guidance to faculty who may be asked to serve as expert witnesses in private litigation. The purpose of the policy is to both support those faculty who consult as expert witnesses in their private capacities, and to provide assistance to faculty who may be subpoenaed in their University roles to testify as experts.

University faculty members may serve as expert witnesses in administrative or judicial proceedings in which the Oregon University System and Oregon State University are not parties, provided they do so in a manner consistent with the OSU Policy on Outside Professional Activities, Oregon Administrative Rule 580-21-025 and consistent with any college, unit, or department restrictions on outside consulting or conflict of interest policies.

Faculty members may be subpoenaed to appear as witnesses in administrative or judicial proceedings in which they do not want to testify as experts, or are prohibited from testifying by University or college policy. When this happens, the faculty member should contact the dean and OSU's legal advisor. The faculty member should not respond to inquiries regarding the appearance until the legal advisor advises the faculty member otherwise. The OSU legal advisor will attempt to quash or modify the subpoena so that 1) the faculty member will not have to appear or testify; 2) the faculty member will only have to testify to matters of personal knowledge; or 3) the faculty member's department is adequately compensated for the faculty member's time away from other responsibilities. As soon as the matter is resolved, the legal advisor will inform the faculty member of the remaining obligations under the subpoena.