

Presenter Bios

Emily La Brecque, JD, Senior Staff Attorney: Emily La Brecque is the Senior Staff Attorney at Oregon Crime Victims Law Center, where she has worked since 2017. Emily has a bachelor's degree in print journalism from the University of Nevada and attended Lewis and Clark Law School. Following law school she worked as a prosecutor, and then the Oregon Law Center, where she represented victims of domestic violence in family law and protective order cases.

Emily represents victims of crime in both state and federal court, and uses her background as a prosecutor and a family law attorney to assist victims in asserting their rights, protecting their privacy and maintaining their dignity as they navigate the criminal justice system.

Erin Olson is an attorney who specializes in the representation of crime victims. She spent the first ten years of her legal career as a prosecutor, working for the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon, and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. In 2009, she and other longtime crime victim advocates co-founded the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center, a nonprofit legal clinic that provides *pro bono* assistance to crime victims in criminal and protective order cases, and was an active member of its Board of Directors and frequent *pro bono* attorney for OCVLC since that time. She is the proud recipient of the 2012 NCVLI Legal Advocacy Award and the 2017 National Crime Victim Bar Association Frank Carrington Champion of Civil Justice Award. In an effort to ease into retirement, she obtained her certification as a National Certified Guardian, and serves as a litigation fiduciary for children and vulnerable adults. Erin was raised in Madras, Oregon, and has a B.A. from Stanford University, an M.S. in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University, and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut.

Bernadette E. Valdellon is a staff attorney at Legal Aid Services of Oregon. She is admitted to practice in Oregon, California, and the District of Columbia. She received her B.A. in French from the University of California, Berkeley in 2007 and her J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2013.

After working on human and civil rights law issues in her school's international human rights clinic and completing legal internships at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Bernadette worked in the Middle East with military contingents from different countries to monitor peace treaty compliance. She then managed a national *pro bono* program providing representation to veterans seeking disability benefits for mental conditions related to military sexual trauma. Before coming to Legal Aid, she was an associate at a civil rights law firm.

