

Oregon Law & Mental Health Conference

Understanding Oregon's Insanity Defense: From Arrest to Supervision

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Panel Members

Elena Balduzzi, Psy.D., – PSRB Adult Panel Chairperson – Dr. Balduzzi is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Portland, where she specializes in psychosexual evaluations of individuals accused of sexual offenses or with problematic sexual behavior. She is also currently the psychologist member and Chair of the Psychiatric Security Review Board. Dr. Balduzzi has over 25 years of experience working in the field and holds graduate degrees from Temple University and Antioch University New England. She has worked in a variety of settings, including juvenile probation, correctional facilities, and psychiatric hospitals. From 2004 until 2009, she worked at Oregon State Hospital supervising the sex offender treatment program. Since 2009, Elena has been in private practice where she accepts referrals primarily from criminal defense attorneys representing those who have been charged with sexual offenses. She also works with DHS/Child Welfare; DD services, Oregon Adult Abuse Prevention & Investigations, and the Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision. She is also a member of the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force where she serves as co-chair of the Offender Management Committee.

Juliet Britton, J.D., - PSRB Executive Director - Ms. Britton has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) from the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law. Prior to assuming the position of Executive Director of the Psychiatric Security Review Board in 2013, she was the program manager with the Board for three years, assisting the Executive Director with all aspects of running the agency. Prior to that, she held positions at the Oregon Liquor Commission, Executive Director of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program as well as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Mary Graduate School of Business. She began her career working as a staff attorney for the State of Hawaii Senate Majority Office and practiced administrative, civil and criminal law as an active duty judge advocate in the United States Army for over six years.

In the PSRB Executive Director capacity, she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency. She advises the Board on legal and policy issues affecting the Board and the forensic clients under its jurisdiction. Additionally, she serves as the liaison between the Board and the mental health and criminal justice systems as well as the Legislature and represents the Board on various state task forces, work groups and committees. She is currently the member at large on the Executive Committee for the National Association of Mental Health Directors, Forensic Division and a Board Member for Guardian Partners. Ms. Britton has presented nationally and published several journal articles on the following topics: removing and restoring firearm privileges for those with a mental health adjudication, PSRB, conditional release of forensic patients and civil commitment.

Craig Johnson, J.D. – Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice – Mr. Johnson graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law. He was admitted to the Bar in Oregon and California. Mr. Johnson was previously a Deputy District Attorney for Josephine County for

approximately 4 years. As a Deputy District Attorney, he was assigned to Josephine County's Mental Health Court and was one of two attorneys assigned to handle Civil Commitments for Josephine County. Also during that time, he was on the Board of Directors for the nonprofit entity contracted to provide mental health services for Josephine County. After leaving the Josephine County District Attorney's Office, he was employed by the Oregon Department of Justice. Mr. Johnson is one of several attorneys assigned to handle cases in front of the State Hospital Review Panel and the Psychiatric Security Review Board.

Lynn Jones – Peer Support Specialist and PSRB Client – Ms. Jones has been a PSRB client (non-Measure 11) since August 17, 2009. After residing in the Oregon State Hospital for 4 ½ years, she now lives in Portland as a client of Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare. Ms. Jones is nearing the completion of a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at George Fox University, and hopes to pursue a Psy.D. at George Fox. Ms. Jones is also active in the mental health community as a peer advocate and activist. She is driven by a deep passion to use her personal mental health experience to be of help to other peers. Additionally, Ms. Jones retired from the Oregon National Guard in 2001 as a captain, after 20 years of service.

Maya Lopez, M.D. – Oregon Health and Science University and Luke-Dorf, Inc. - Dr. Lopez is a forensic psychiatrist with a deep interest in the interplay between the criminal justice system, community mental health systems, and forensic psychiatry. She is a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Oregon Health and Science University, the Associate Director of the forensic psychiatry fellowship program at OHSU, and the Medical Director of Luke-Dorf, a community mental health service agency in the Portland metropolitan area. Dr. Lopez provides care for individuals adjudicated as Guilty Except for Insanity who are living in community settings and under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board; people who are on trial visit under civil commitment; and those who are under mental health court and community supervision, such as those on probation and parole. She is the past Director of the Forensic Evaluation Service at the Oregon State Hospital, where she was also a Supervising Psychiatrist and attending psychiatrist at the Oregon State Hospital, where she worked on contract through OHSU for nearly 7 years. She currently teaches at OHSU, the University of Oregon Law School, and the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She has taught about fitness to proceed evaluations for the state of Oregon's Forensic Evaluation Training Program. She is the President of Oregon Psychiatric Physicians Association and is an active member of that organization's Legislative Committee. Dr. Lopez graduated from the University of New Mexico with a BS in Anthropology. After that, she completed medical school and psychiatry residency training at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. She then completed a fellowship in forensic psychiatry at Oregon Health and Science University.)

Harris S. Matarazzo, J.D., PSRB Defense Counsel– Mr. Matarazzo is a Portland attorney, with a practice emphasizing mental health law. He is a graduate of Brown University, and the Northwestern School of Law (Portland, Oregon). Mr. Matarazzo has co-authored the chapter on "Mental Illness and Incapacity" in every edition of the Oregon State Bar's "Criminal Law" Handbook since 1994, serves on a State of Oregon forensic credentialing committee for psychologists and psychiatrists, and is a speaker on matters involving mental health and Oregon's criminal justice system.