

NEWS

Sussman Shank Partner, Derek Ashton, Once Again Recognized for Pro Bono Work

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We are proud to share that [Derek Ashton](#) was both quoted and featured in the October 2024 issue of the Multnomah Bar Association Newsletter. The article recognizes Derek's ongoing commitment to impactful pro bono work.

The article titled "Access to Justice Across Oregon" was written by Jill Mallery, Statewide Pro Bono Manager, Legal Aid Services of Oregon. We have included a piece of the article here:

*"Legal Aid Services of Oregon is fortunate to call **Derek Ashton**, partner at Sussman Shank LLP, a LASO volunteer. Derek is an incredible advocate for pro bono service displayed through his work with LASO's expungement clinic and Domestic Violence Project. Derek utilizes his vast litigation skills and experience representing survivors of abuse in court regardless of the county. He recently represented a Deschutes County survivor in two remote contested restraining order hearings. When approached about the case referral, Derek immediately responded "I can cover it." Those few simple words mean a tremendous amount to the survivor who no longer must face her abuser and the court system alone. Derek describes his recent experience in his straightforward and always professional manner, "I've encountered no issues representing clients around the state. My recent experience in Deschutes County went smoothly, both in meeting with and preparing the client for her contested hearings while using Zoom and with the court itself for the case presentation. One tip I will pass along relates to exhibits – I recommend early contact with the court to determine the procedure for handling exhibits while appearing remotely."*

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

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