

The Honorable Betty Roberts
Former Oregon Supreme Court Justice
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law

Associate Justice, Oregon Supreme Court (1982 – 1986) (First woman to serve on the Court)
Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals (1977 – 1982) (First woman to serve on the Court)
Attorney, Skelton & Roberts (1967 – 1977)
Senior Judge (1986 – present): mediator and arbitrator, pro tem settlement conference judge

Politics

Oregon State Senator (1969 – 1977)
Oregon State Representative (1965 – 1969)
Candidate for Oregon Governor in Democratic Primary (1974)
Candidate for US Senate in General Election (1974)
Oregon State Chair, McGovern Campaign for President (1972)
Oregon State Chair, Carter Campaign for President (1976)
Delegate to Democratic National Convention (1968, 1972, 1976)

Teacher/Professor

Visiting Professor, Oregon State University, Dubach Endowed Chair in Political Science,
Spring Terms (1988 – 1991)
Part-time instructor in Political Science and Business Law, Mt. Hood Community College
(1967 – 1976)
Elected Board Member Lynch Elementary School District (1960 – 1966)
High school teacher, Portland-area public high schools (1958 – 1967)

EDUCATION

J.D., Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon (1966)
M.S., Political Science, University of Oregon (1962)
B.S., Education, Portland State University (1958)
Texas Wesleyan College, Ft. Worth, Texas (1941 – 1942)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL, POLITICAL AND CIVIL ACTIVITIES

Betty Roberts has served on many boards, commissions, councils, tasks forces and committees. Representative activities since retirement from the Oregon Supreme Court in 1986 include:

Alumni Board Member, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College
Alumni Board Member, Portland State University
Board Member, Christie School (for troubled youths)
Board Member, Metropolitan Public Defender
Board Member, Security Pacific Bank
Board Member, Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation
Consultant to Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt re: Siting of Minimum Security Prison Facility
Executive Committee Member, Oregon Judicial Conference
Founding Board Member, Oregon Women Lawyers
Founding Board Member, WIN-PAC (organization to elect women to the Oregon legislature)
Member, Governor's Metropolitan Area Commission on Higher Education
Member, Oregon State Bar Diversity Task Force
Member, Oregon Food Bank Capital Construction Committee
Member, Oregon Judicial Conference, Senior Judges Association, Oregon State Bar
Past President, Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation

HONORS

Professional Awards

Margaret Brent Award, American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession, 2006
First Recipient of the Oregon Women Lawyers' Betty Roberts Award, created to recognize lawyers who promote women in the profession (1992)
Distinguished Graduate Award, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College (1988)
Award of Merit, Oregon State Bar Association (1987)
Distinguished Service on Appellate Courts Award, Mary Leonard Law Society and Marion County Bar Association (1986)

Education Awards

Outstanding Alumni Award, Portland State University (1988)
Sea Grant Pioneer Award, Oregon State University (1988)
Distinguished Service Award, Portland State University (1985)
Distinguished Service Award, University of Oregon (1984)
Education Citizen of the Year Award, Oregon Education Association (1975)

Civic Awards

E.B. MacNaughton Civil Liberties Award, ACLU (2004)
Civil Liberties Award, Oregon Chapter, ACLU (1987)
White Rose Award, March of Dimes (1986)
Liberty Award, Oregon Conference of Seventh Day Adventists (1976)

Awards Recognizing Her Work In Behalf of Women

Justice Betty Roberts Award, Oregon Women Lawyers (1992)
Woman Who Has Made a Difference Award, International Women's Forum (1991)
Sue Juba Award, Portland Area Women's Political Caucus (1990)
Woman of Achievement Award, Oregon Commission for Women (1988)
Abigail Scott Duniway Award, Women in Communications (1982)
Women Helping Women Award, Soroptimist International of the Americas (1982)
Woman of the Year, Oregon Women's Political Caucus (1975)