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Personal & Education

Native Oregonian / Homeowner in Oceanside since 1991 / Full-time resident since 2010

Celebrating 35 years with husband Rob Hooper

University of Oregon, B.A. (Journalism & History), 1978

- President, U of O and Western Regional Interfraternity Councils

Northwestern University Law School (Chicago), J.D. 1981

- Dean's List
- Executive Editor, Northwestern Law School *Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology*
- William Jennings Bryan Award (1st place appellate argument competition)

As the oldest of six siblings in a tumultuous family setting, I was the first in my family on either side to attend college. I funded my own higher education with scholarships, loans and part-time jobs. After sampling life outside of Oregon to attend law school, I immediately returned to build my home and career near family. My personal interests include civic activism, amateur journalism, reading and book collecting, hiking, travel and endeavoring to be a friend and mentor to our many nieces and nephews.

Employment Background

1981 - 2011 Partner with law firm of *Reinisch Mackenzie* (licensed in Oregon and Washington)

2011 - 2018 Founder and sole practitioner, *Oregon Workers Compensation Institute* (legal services, insurance claims training, consulting)

Since 2018 Retired with occasional *pro bono* legal work

I was fortunate in being able to forge a unique law practice that blended litigation in the Oregon and Washington appeals courts with policy advocacy at the Oregon Legislature and advisory work with relevant state agencies. I also served as a workers' compensation consultant for Oregon's largest managed health care organizations. Along the way, I lectured as an adjunct professor of law at Lewis & Clark College, designed and conducted a statewide claims examiner certification program and authored Oregon's only textbook (at the time) for workers' compensation claims adjusters.

Governmental and Civic Involvement (selected highlights)

State of Oregon / Portland area

Republican Nominee, Oregon State Legislature, 1984 and 1986 (Clackamas County), 1992 and 1994 (Multnomah County); Precinct Committeeperson in Clackamas, Multnomah, Tillamook Counties (intermittent)

Oregon State Bar Appellate Procedures Committee, 2016-2018

Primary drafter and public proponent: Oregon workers' compensation reform legislation (*pro bono*), 1990-94, 2000

Oregon Workers' Compensation Division Rules Advisory Committees (numerous) 1990-2018

Oregon Self Insurers' Association, Board Member / Chair of *Amicus Curiae* Committee, 1995-2010 (intermittent)

Right to Privacy PAC (later merged with *Basic Rights Oregon*), Board Member 1993 to 1996

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Governmental and Civic Involvement (continued)

Phoenix Rising (LGBT mental health counseling center), Board Member 1997-1999

Dorchester Conference (grass roots political conference), President / all other offices / Board Member 1985-2010

Gamma Alpha Educational Foundation, Board Member (conceived and led initiative to sell University of Oregon Kappa Sigma fraternity chapter house and establish a scholarship fund with the proceeds) 1981-2000, 2004-2012

Tillamook County & Oceanside



- **Member, Short Term Rental Advisory Committee** 2017 - present

- **Oceanside Neighborhood Association**
President 2017-2022; Vice-President 2022 – present

Established effective working relationships with county Community Development Department and Public Works Department; numerous appearances before BOCC

Led two efforts to update Oceanside Community Plan (Planning Commission and BOCC approved), 2018, 2021

Organized 5-year, multi-agency project to fund, design and install beach access ramp at Oceanside Beach Wayside

Shepherded initiatives to revise Oceanside land use ordinances regarding alternative energy fixtures (enacted), building height calculations (pending) and variance criteria and "dark sky" lighting standards (pending)

Designed and implemented rules and safeguards to enable virtual participation and voting on ONA matters

Organized a local short term rental committee; conducted two STR surveys and submitted comprehensive reports to the BOCC and STR Advisory Committee, 2018, 2023

Mobilized and presented community support for Tillamook PUD Tillamook-Oceanside power transmission line initiative

Established an Oceanside Emergency Preparedness Team

- **Netarts-Oceanside Sanitary District**, Treasurer / Board Member 2020 - present
- **Oceanside Protection Society** (501(c)(3) community foundation), President / Director 2019 - present
- **The Oceansider Community Newsletter**, Founder and Editor (weekly editions to over 500 e-subscribers and republished in the *Tillamook Pioneer*)
- **Oceansiders United Incorporation Initiative**, Task Force Organizer and a lead Petitioner 2022