THANK YOU, MELONEY!

After 14 years of dedicated service to Oregon lawyers, Meloney C. Crawford is retiring! Meloney brought to the OAAP a great sense of humor, an empathetic manner, and a keen interest in helping lawyers. Now sober for over 25 years, Meloney worked extensively with lawyers and judges – and their families – facilitating interventions, organizing support groups, and providing guidance and resources. Her kind demeanor, life experience, and education provided her with a unique ability to reach people in need of assistance with problem alcohol, drug, or substance use.

Those same strengths also enabled Meloney to reach and assist lawyers, judges, and law students on many other issues, including time management, stress management, depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues. Her assistance reached a broad range of people and topics and often had a creative twist. She created the OAAP’s “Getting It Done” productivity and organization workshop and the first OAAP workshop offered via interactive webcast. She facilitated many different kinds of workshops and support groups, including groups to support women lawyers with cancer, lawyers in recovery, lawyers with chronic health conditions, adult children of dysfunctional families, and lawyers who were transitioning careers. Meloney presented informative, helpful, and entertaining education programs, often addressing issues that are rarely presented by other speakers, such as her program for law students, Combating Test Anxiety, and her CLE program, Working with Difficult People. She also regularly contributed articles to OAAP’s In Sight, the OSB Bulletin, and the American Bar Association magazine.

Meloney attained state and national certifications in alcohol and drug counseling (NCAC II and CADC III) as well as a state certification in gambling addiction counseling (CGAC II). Having gained expertise through education and experience, Meloney contributes back to the profession by serving on the Addiction Counselor Certification Board of Oregon (ACCBO) and Addiction Counselor Certification Board Committees. She also presented many educational sessions at lawyer assistance programs around the nation.

Meloney brought to the OAAP a deep interest in and commitment to helping people. Over the course of her career at the OAAP, Meloney turned that interest and commitment into action by helping hundreds of Oregon lawyers. Her assistance changed the course of lawyers’ lives in a profound way, providing them with guidance and resources that would support a healthier and more satisfying life. We congratulate Meloney on a job well done and wish her a very happy and healthy retirement.