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## Welcome, Bridget!

The OAAP is excited to announce that Bridget Donegan, JD, MA Candidate-PMHC, has joined our team as an Attorney Counselor Associate.

Before joining the OAAP, Bridget practiced law in Oregon for 12 years, first as a commercial litigator at a small law firm, then in local government, and finally in criminal defense. In 2024, she enrolled in a master's program in mental health counseling at Lewis & Clark College. Bridget says that she feels fortunate to be using her professional and life experiences to support our statewide legal community.

In her own words:

*Legal work very often meaningfully affects other people's lives—we work together in a field where what we do, and how we do it, really matters. The work can also be demanding, exacting, contentious, and high stakes. We are always facing different challenges and stresses in our lives, and inevitably at some point we find ourselves turned askew, or even upside down. Fortunately, each of us has a tremendous capacity for healing, unfolding, and growth, and we do not have to do any of it on our own. My own path includes a commitment to sobriety, and in my master's program I am specializing in addiction counseling. I find it a true privilege to offer connection and support to people wherever they find themselves.*

Bridget lives in Northeast Portland with her husband, their son, and their golden retriever. She loves spending time with family and friends and is enjoying this season of life with a lot of children around. She has an active meditation and mindfulness practice, gets outside for gardening and long walks, and is usually reading a few different books, most of which she intends to finish.

Bridget joins OAAP Director and Attorney Counselor Kyra M. Hazilla, JD, LCSW; Senior Attorney Counselor Douglas S. Querin, JD, LPC, CADC I; Attorney Counselor Bryan R. Welch, JD, M. Coun., CADC I; and Attorney Counselor Kirsten M. Blume, JD, M. Coun. ●