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OLCC Chair SkinnerLopata Guest Speaker at Womenspace Black & White Gala

PORTLAND, Ore. – Oregon Liquor Control Commission Chair, Cassandra SkinnerLopata is slated to be a guest speaker at [The Womenspace 35th Anniversary Black & White Gala and Auction](#) on Saturday, February 18 in Eugene.

This event helps raise funds for [Womenspace](#), an organization that helps adults and children who are the victims of domestic violence.

“As a survivor of domestic violence and a participant in Womenspace’s Turning Point Program, I am greatly honored to be asked to speak at the 35th Anniversary Gala,” says SkinnerLopata.

SkinnerLopata has an extensive background as an advocate for women and children’s issues. She has held positions on the Governor’s Council on Domestic Violence, the Lane County Human Rights Advisory Committee, Head Start of Lane County and the board of directors for Breaking Free, a non-profit organization promoting empowerment and self-defense for women and girls. Her broad range of community service includes volunteering for the Attorney General’s Sexual Assault Task Force, Lane County Legal Aid, and several programs with the Oregon State Bar and the University of Oregon School of Law. She currently serves on the Advisory Board for the Survivors Justice Center and the Board of Directors for Oregon Women Lawyers. SkinnerLopata was recognized as one of Eugene Register Guard Blue Chip’s 20 under 40 for 2010.

[Cassandra SkinnerLopata](#) has been a member of the OLCC’s board of commissioners since June 2009, she was appointed Chair in July 2011 by Governor Kitzhaber. She is currently General Counsel and Medicaid Program Director for Agate Healthcare, the parent company of Lipa (Lane Individual Practice Association) and Trillium Community Health Plan, all located in Eugene.

The five citizen commissioners are the policy-making body of the OLCC. They meet monthly for one or two days to make decisions on liquor licenses, rules, contested case hearings and appointments of liquor store agents. Commission meetings are held every other month at OLCC’s main office, 9079 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Room 103A in Portland. Subsequent months, the meetings are held via phone. Agenda items can be obtained on-line at http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/public_meetings.shtml

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than **\$350 million** to Oregon’s General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC’s Website.](#)*

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