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Two appointed to OLCC board of commissioners

PORTLAND, Ore. - Alex M. Duarte (3rd Congressional District) and Ron Roome (2nd Congressional District) have been appointed to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's board of commissioners.

The two new members were nominated by Gov. Ted Kulongoski and confirmed by the legislature.

A resident of Portland, Duarte has a vast background in law. Currently, he is Corporate Counsel for Qwest Communications International in Portland, and serves as Qwest's general counsel for its Oregon operations. Prior to joining Qwest (formerly U S WEST) in 1999, Duarte was in private law practice in San Francisco for 14 years, including six years as a partner in a national law firm, where he specialized in complex commercial litigation. Duarte's wide range of experience in public service extends from serving on the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, including as its Chair from 2007 to 2008, to sitting on the boards of directors of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (which he chaired from 2005 to 2007) and the Malheur Home Telephone Company, in addition to numerous leadership positions in the community.

As a civil litigator/trial attorney, Roome brings a rich knowledge in legal and administrative principles to the OLCC. Roome has been a lawyer at Karnopp Petersen LLP in Bend since 1988 and has been litigation partner since 1994. Roome has served in multiple public service roles including President of J.R. Campbell American Inns of Court (2002-2003) and as President of the Deschutes County Bar Association (1997-1998). He currently serves on the Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board.

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.

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