

1. Please tell us about your career, your service on the bench, and the community where you live.

"I have been a judge for about 23 years in Klamath Falls which serves people living in a large geographic area in eastern Oregon."

2. What do you like best about living and working in Klamath Falls? How would you describe the culture of your community?

"I like the size and culture of our community. It is small enough that one encounters familiar faces, but large enough that one has some anonymity. The culture is varied and includes everything from old west cowboys to those with an interest in the arts. It is a great place to live if one appreciates outdoor activities. There are mountains, deserts, lakes and wetlands and not too many people to spoil the tranquility."

3. How did you meet Jamie McCleod, and what made you decide to bring her on board as a Rural Opportunity Fellow?

"I met Jamie at a water law conference at the U of O Law School. She knew about the Rural Opportunity Fellow program."

4. What kind of cases did she work on, and how did she help you over the summer? Did she work full-time or part-time?

"She worked primarily on the Klamath Adjudication which I believe is the largest general stream adjudication to ever have occurred in Oregon. She worked full time."

5. How did Jamie find a place to live, and how did she meet people in the community?

"I referred Jamie to a friend who had some rentals and they became good friends and worked out a housing arrangement that was perfect. I know that Jamie became acquainted with others who work at the courthouse."

6. Would you recommend the OSB's Rural Opportunity Fellowship program to other rural employers?

"Yes. I believe that Jamie enjoyed her work here and I know she has an interest in coming back here to work after graduation. She would be a real asset to our community."

7. Is there anything else you would like to add?

"Just to extend my thanks to the Bar for making this possible."