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From mentoring young attorneys to raising money for community causes, Kristin Olson is often referred to as the “go to” person at work and in her volunteer endeavors.

Before joining Bullivant Houser Bailey, Olson clerked for the Oregon Court of Appeals and developed strong relationships with the judges. As a result, Judge Darleen Ortega asked Olson to serve as treasurer for Ortega’s 2010 re-election campaign.

Olson works directly with federal judges to plan continuing legal education presentations about the federal bar. She has been a director for the Federal Bar Association’s Oregon chapter since 2006, and previously was president of its Young Lawyers’ Division.

“This is significant because most young lawyers are unfamiliar with federal court,” said Leta Gorman, a shareholder at Bullivant

Houser Bailey. “Kristin is an exception to this and serves as one of the ‘go to’ people in our firm for questions related to federal court procedure and judicial preferences.”

Olson, a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers, previously served on the Board of Directors for Girls Inc., which helps girls become successful leaders in the workplace and in their communities.

After her mother died in 2002, Olson established the Bonnie Olson Memorial Scholarship Fund at the high school where her mother was a counselor in Auburn, Wash. Scholarships are given to graduates involved in community service, particularly those who work with disabled or underprivileged people. So far, nine students have received scholarships.

### Who is your favorite Supreme Court justice of all time?

Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Three weeks after a cancer operation, she went to President Obama’s first address to Congress because she wanted the country to see that there was a woman on the Supreme Court.

### What’s your most favorite word?

Pug. I like big personalities in small packages.

### What was your most useful law school course?

Evidence. You can’t be a good trial lawyer if your story is inadmissible.

### What is the best part of being an attorney?

Helping good people who inspire me. One of my most inspirational clients dropped out of school in the 10th grade, worked in the mess hall in the military and went on to start a steel business worth millions.

### What is the toughest part of being an attorney?

Waiting for the jury to come back.

### What song is on heavy rotation on your iPod?

“Born to Run” by Bruce Springsteen.

### Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

“May I have the remote?”

### What is your most treasured possession?

My first defense verdict.

### What famous person you would most like to have a drink with?

Bill Gates, so I can finally give him my elevator speech.

### Oregon Coast or Mount Hood?

Mount Hood. I like my beaches warm and swimmable.

### What would you never wear?

Birkenstocks.

### What is your greatest fear?

The dentist without nitrous.

### What is your motto?

There is no substitute for hard work and preparation.

### You’ve been given the chance to spend part of your time as a superhero.

### Who are you and what is your super power?

She-Hulk. She may have green skin, but she does more damage to her foes as a lawyer than as a superhero.

### Tell us something about yourself that might surprise most people.

I’ve been scuba diving with bull sharks, I like country music and I saw Nirvana in concert.