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Incorporates sustainability, defined as meeting present needs without comprising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, into the Oregon State Bar Bylaws.

"Because Bar operations and the practice of law impact the environment and society generally, the Bar will be cognizant of sustainability in its internal operating practices as well as in its service to members."

Designates a sustainability coordinator for the Bar operations

Encourages education and dialogue on how law impacts future generations relative to advancing jurisprudence and improving administration of justice.

OSB Sustainable Future Section

- Mission:
- The Sustainable Future Section ("SFS") supports sustainability within the legal profession and the practice of law through:

   (1) educational programs,

   (2) examination of the integration of law and sustainability, and

   (3) dialogue about the needs and interests of future generations.

- Website: https://sustainablefuture.osbar.org/

SFS Climate Change Task Force

- **Focus on climate change mitigation**

- **Explored two questions:**

  1. **How has the legal profession responded to climate change, beyond providing paid legal services?**

  2. **Based on our current understanding of climate change, how should the legal profession respond?**

- **Five recommendations (See next slide)**

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- **Issue a Climate Change Statement**

- **Provide Legal Support for Climate Change Legislation**

- **Encourage Attorneys to Reduce Emissions and Practice Sustainability**

- **Amend the state Constitution to include a specific reference to the State's duty to hold all natural resources in trust for future generations.**

- **Align State Bar/bar association investments with environmental, social, governance (ESG) values**

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