



Presenter Biographies

Melodie Rice, Real Estate Broker

Melodie is a full-time realtor who has extensive experience working with people in all aspects of purchase and selling real estate. Her specialties are helping seniors downsize and women who have had life changing events. Melodie earned the SRES designation-Senior Real Estate Specialist. Before she became a real estate broker, Melodie worked for years as a medical assistant in internal medicine. She knows and understands the needs of seniors. She is a master negotiation expert having received the MCNE designation that less than 1% nationwide possess. Her time spent on the planning commission in her small town gave her a greater understanding of land use and development with understanding of city codes and government. She is married with three grown children and five grandchildren. Outside interests include designing and sewing clothes, decorating, knitting, and tending her backyard chickens.



Rebecca Abraham, Interior Designer and Home Stager

Rebecca has been involved in design her entire adult life. A graduate of University of Oregon Architecture, she moved to Portland to pursue her career first in commercial design, then furniture design, and finally in residential design and staging. She currently owns her design business based in Wilsonville, working in all parts of the greater Portland and Vancouver metro areas for over 35 years. Her specialty is kitchen and bath design, new home construction design, and staging for the real estate market. She collaborates with real estate brokers and contractors to provide the best outcome for her clients who are ready to upsize, downsize or just stay-in-place to age. She is especially knowledgeable in the downsizing process, consulting on the myriad of decisions that need to be made at this transition time that include existing homes, new homes, and how to seamlessly move from one to another.



Jennifer Litwin, Counselor

Jennifer has been passionately working with and advocating for older adults for over 20 years, having held positions in geriatric care management, conservatorship, and ombudsman programs. After receiving a master's degree in Gerontology in 1997, she began her work as the residential care facility specialist for the ombudsman program in San Francisco. Later she spent six years as a care manager for adults under conservatorship. Since moving to Portland in 2009, she has worked as an aging life care manager and continues her work as an advocate in an assisted living community. Jennifer is currently getting certified as a life coach to complement her role as an elder care consultant and transition specialist. It is both a personal and professional goal of hers to become a valued resource to older adults and their families.



John Boylston, Estate Planning Attorney

John is an estate planning attorney. He believes in building up, strengthening, preserving, and protecting families. John is particularly passionate about making sure that every family has an estate, incapacity, and tax plan that will help the family stay together through the inherently difficult transitions we all face when a family member passes away or becomes incapacitated. John works with families of all shapes and sizes, and will help you create an estate and incapacity plan that fits your unique family. John listens to his clients closely and compassionately to help them get the plan they need. John is a native Oregonian. He graduated magna cum laude from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, and then earned his law degree in 2006 from the University of Southern California. Outside the office, John is a Trustee for the Oregon Historical Society and a founder and board member of the Emerging Leaders for Oregon.



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